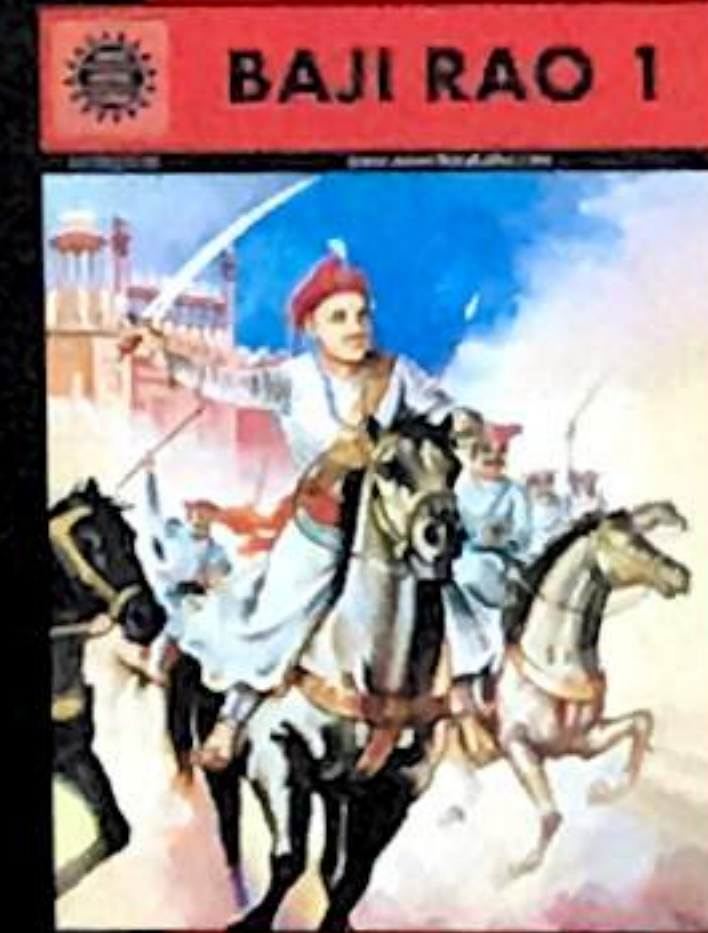
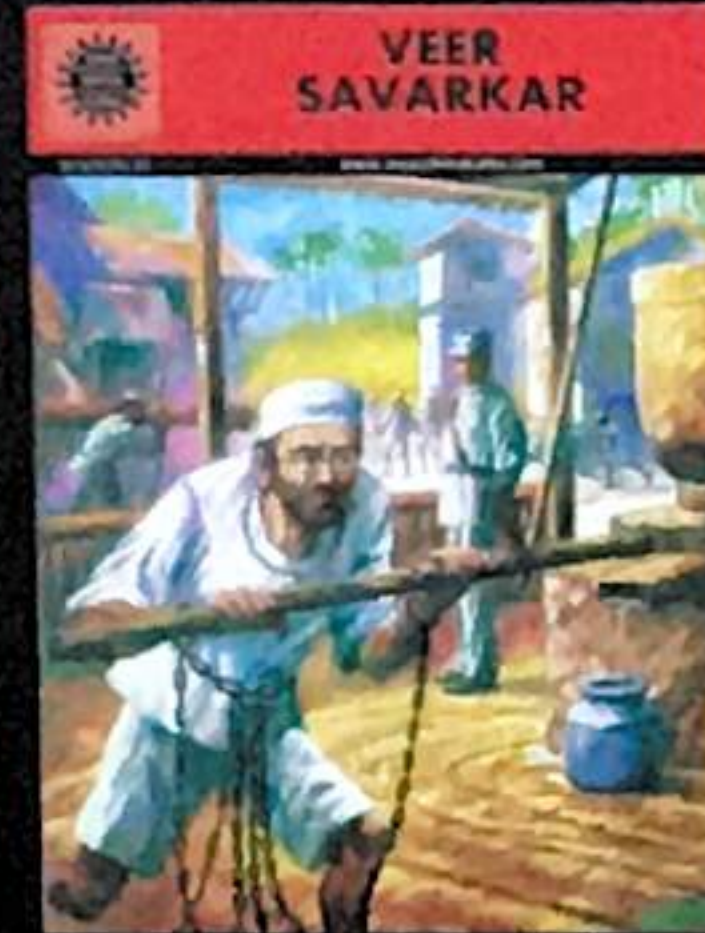
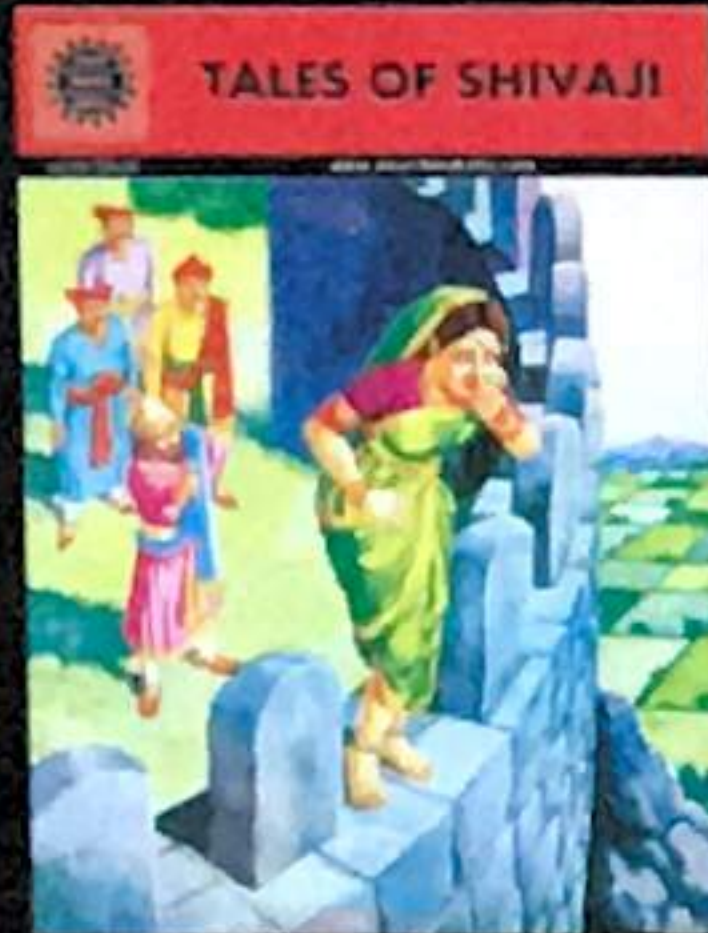
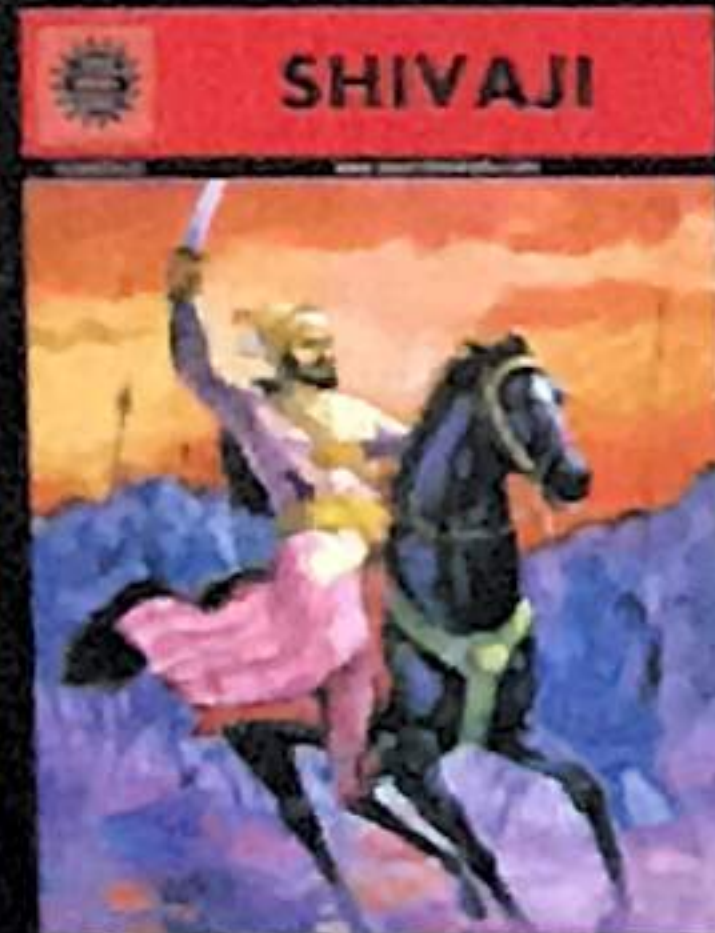


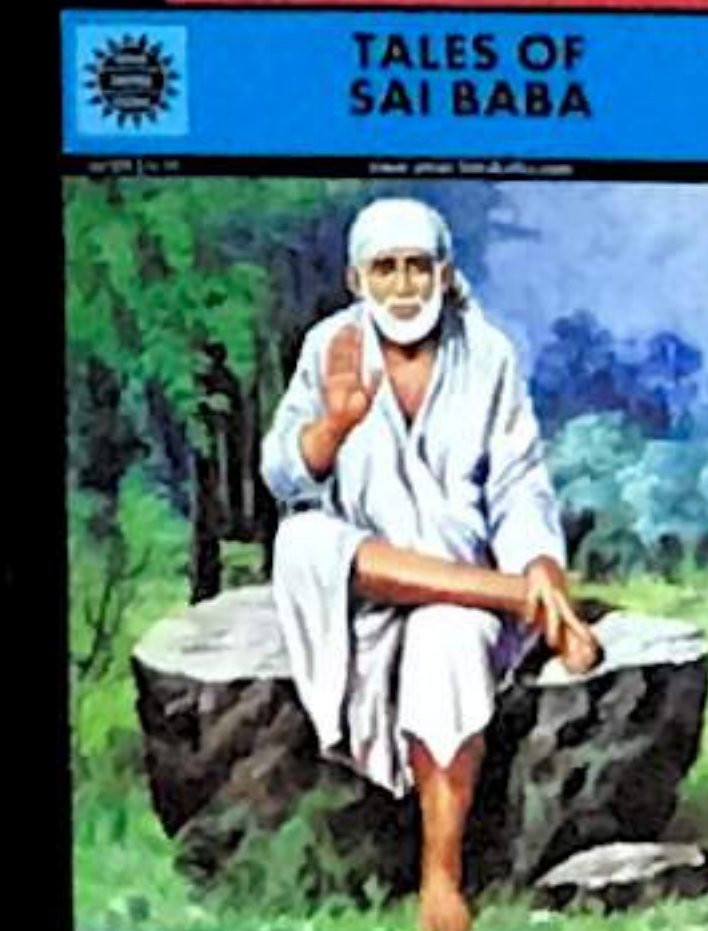
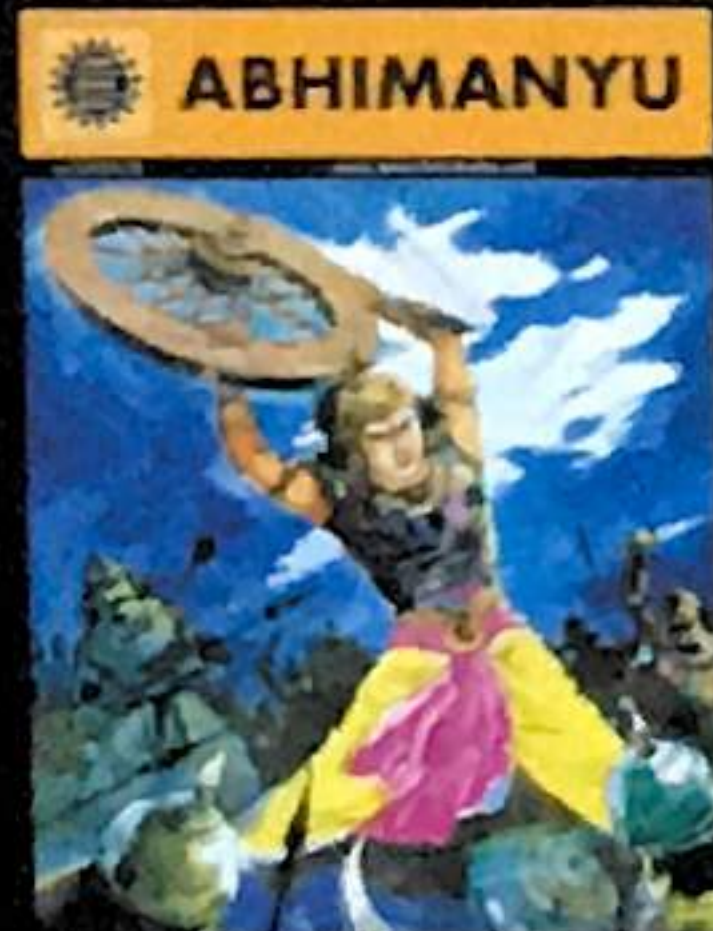
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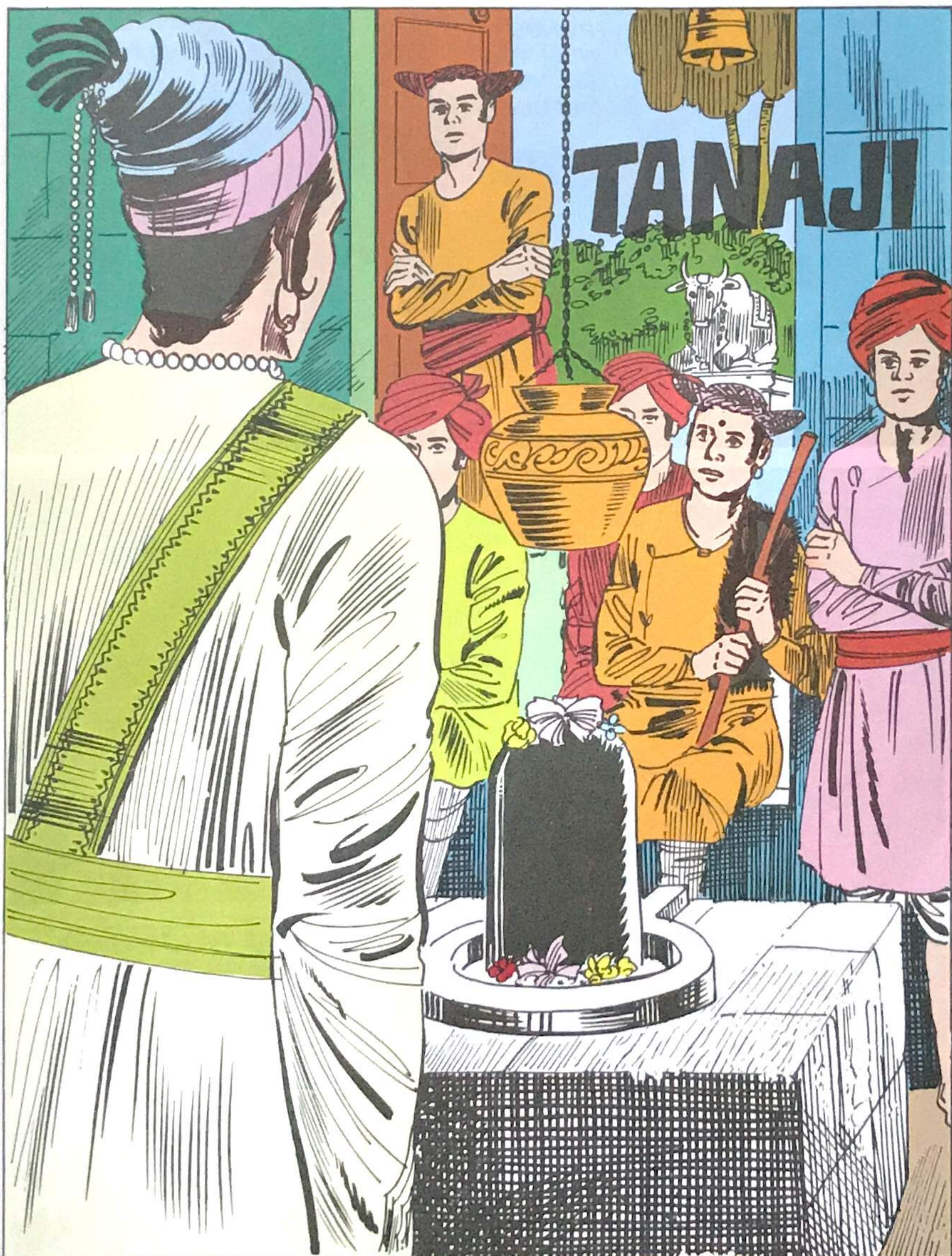
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IN THE YEAR 1645, SHIVAJI AND HIS FRIENDS GATHERED AT RARESHWAR TEMPLE IN MAHARASHTRA.





GOD RAIRESHWAR,
I, VITHOJI SHIRKE, SHALL
NOT REST TILL FREE-
DOM IS OURS.



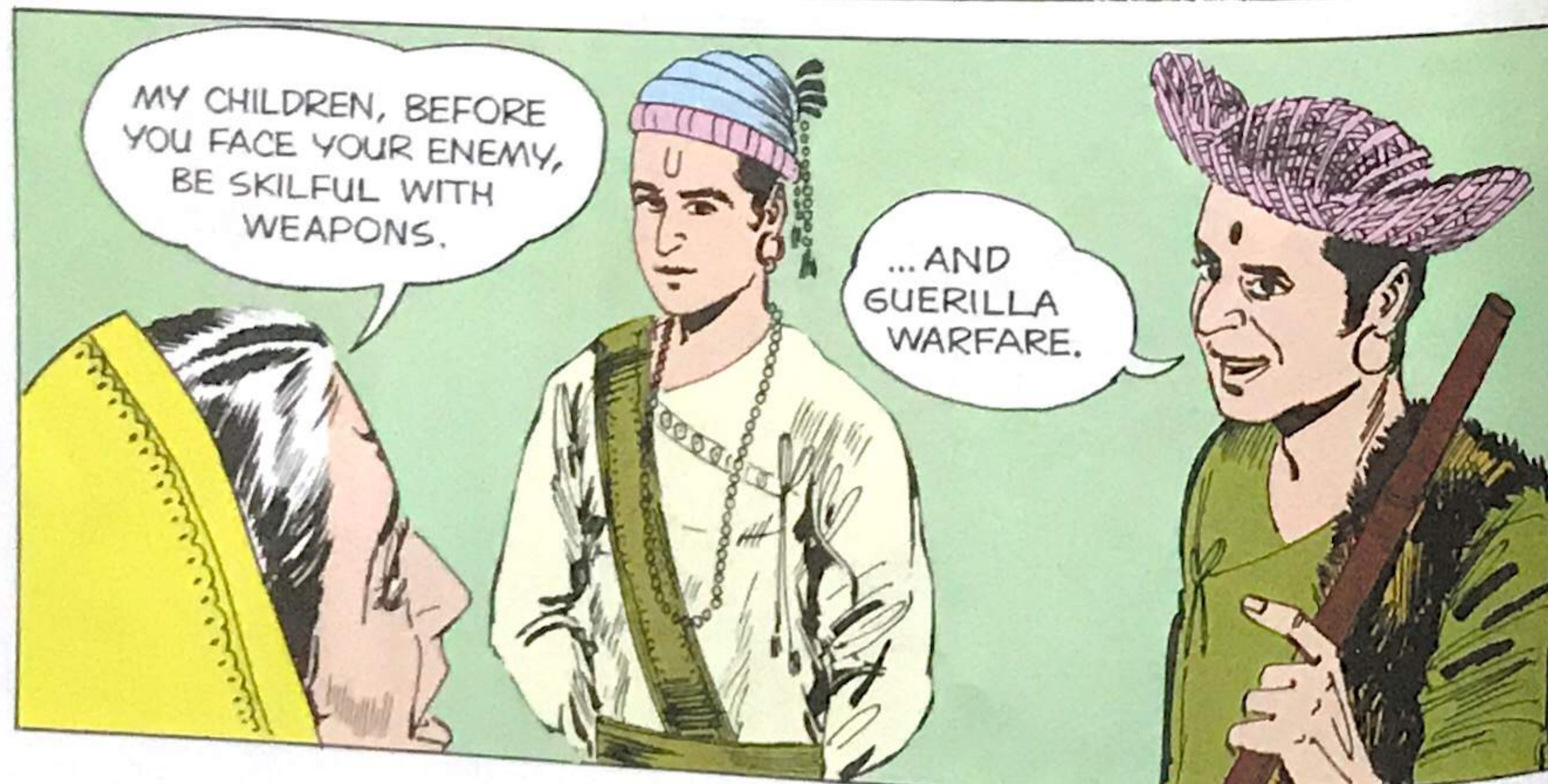
I, TANAJI MALUSARE,
SHALL NOT REST
TILL FREEDOM
IS OURS.



LATER, AT
POONA, IN
LAL-MAHAL...

MA SAHEB, THESE ARE MY
FRIENDS WHO HAVE
TAKEN THE OATH
OF FREEDOM.

MAY GOD
RAIRESHWAR
BLESS YOU.



MY CHILDREN, BEFORE
YOU FACE YOUR ENEMY,
BE SKILFUL WITH
WEAPONS.

...AND
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WARFARE.

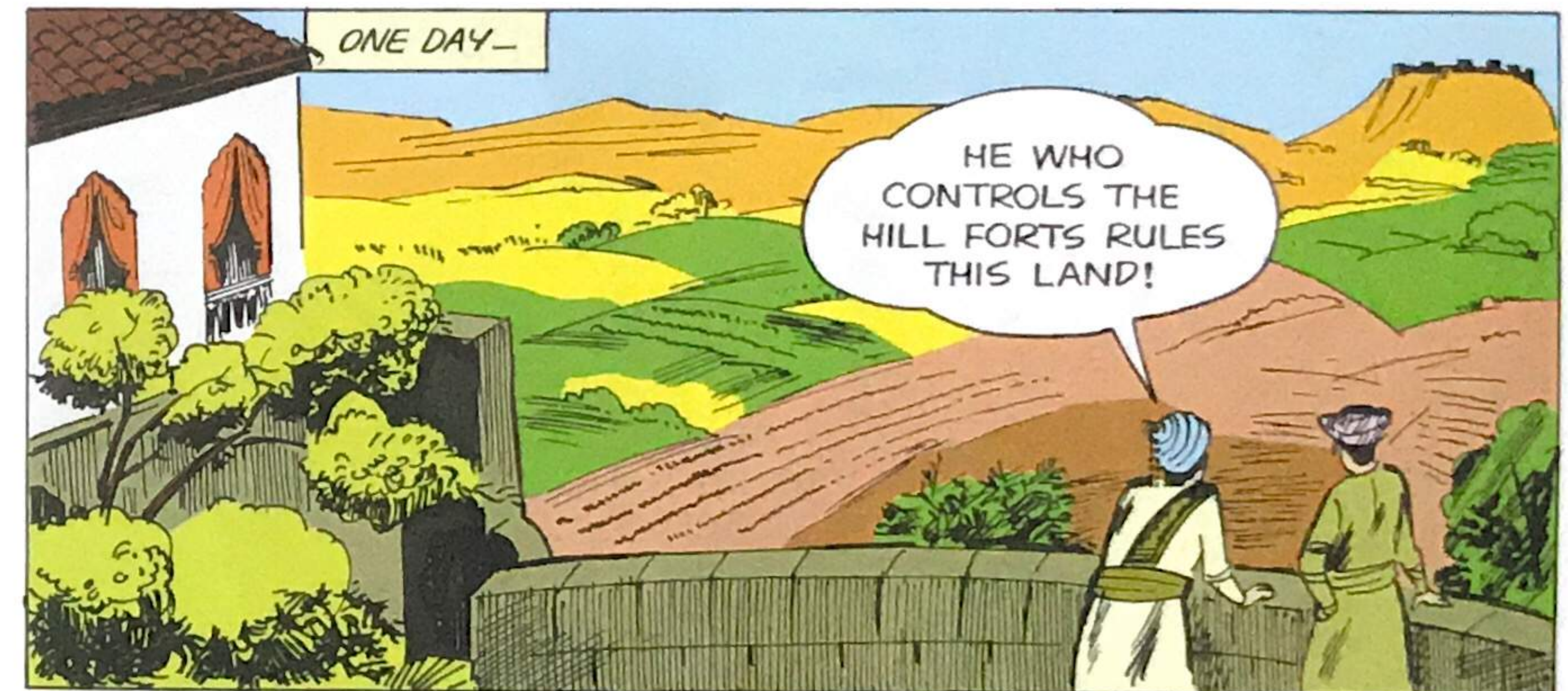


I LIKE YOUR
DETERMINATION.
I AM SURE VICTORY
WILL BE YOURS.



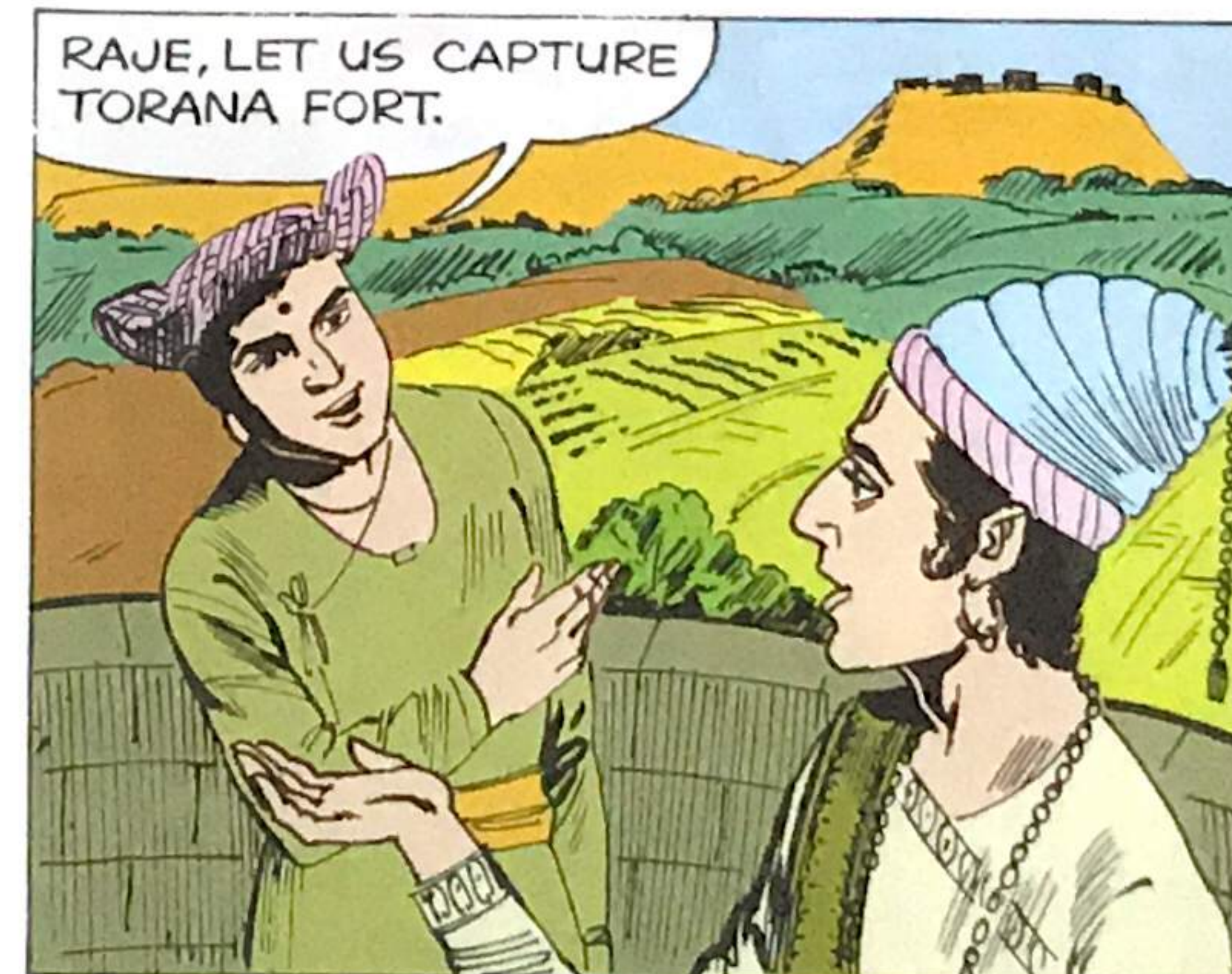
THEY SPENT MONTHS IN TRAINING.

RAJE, NOW
LET US START ON
OUR
CAMPAIGN.



ONE DAY...

HE WHO
CONTROLS THE
HILL FORTS RULES
THIS LAND!

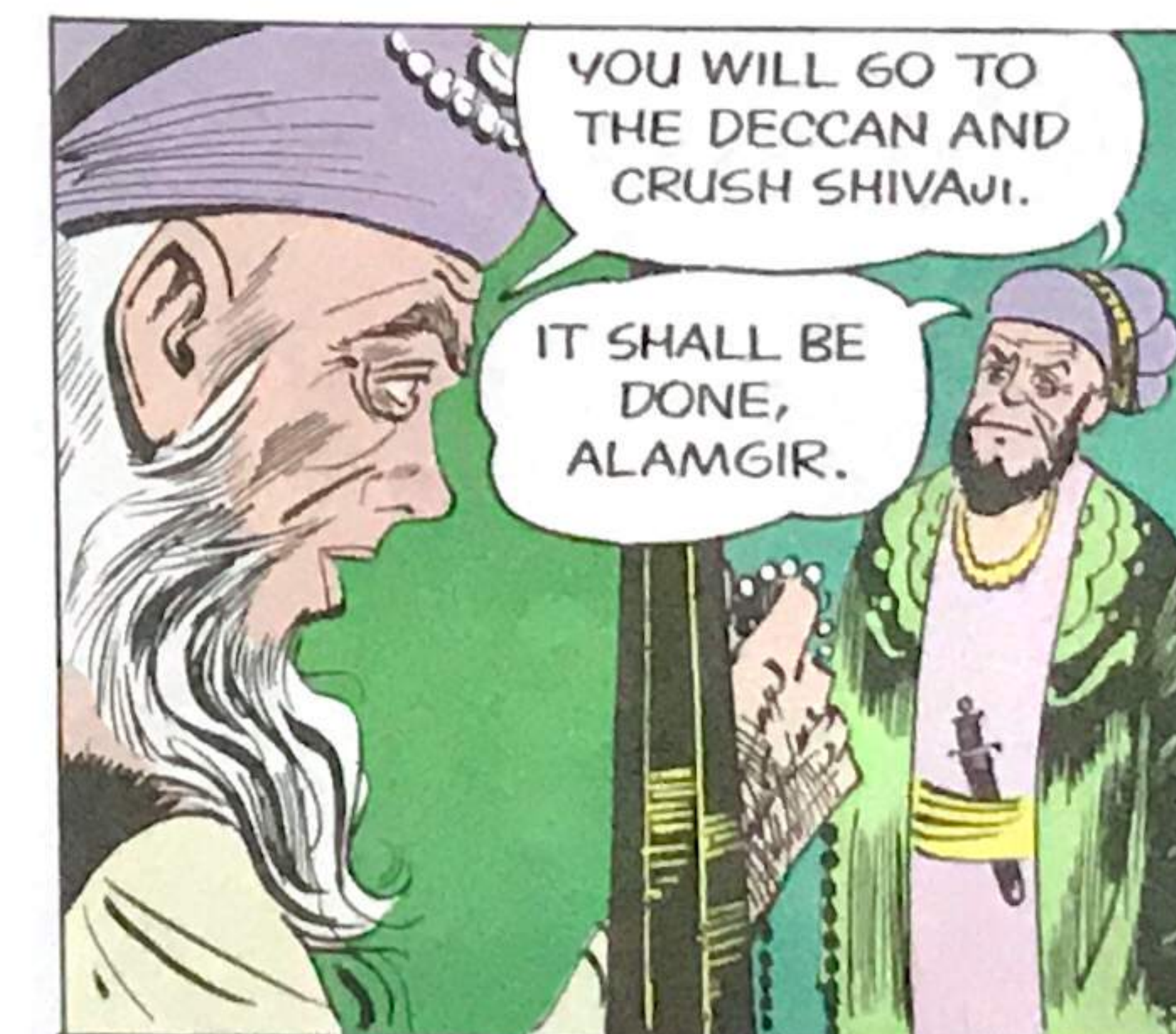
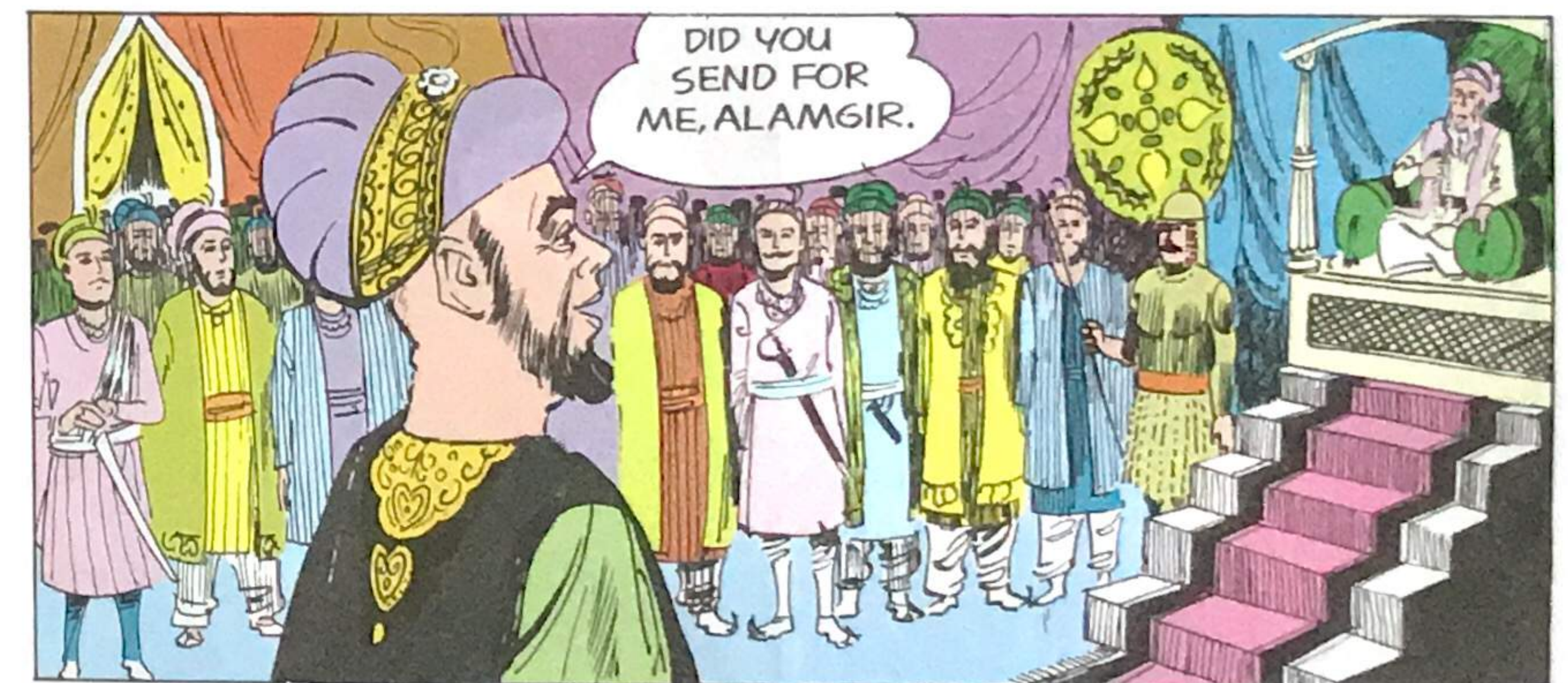
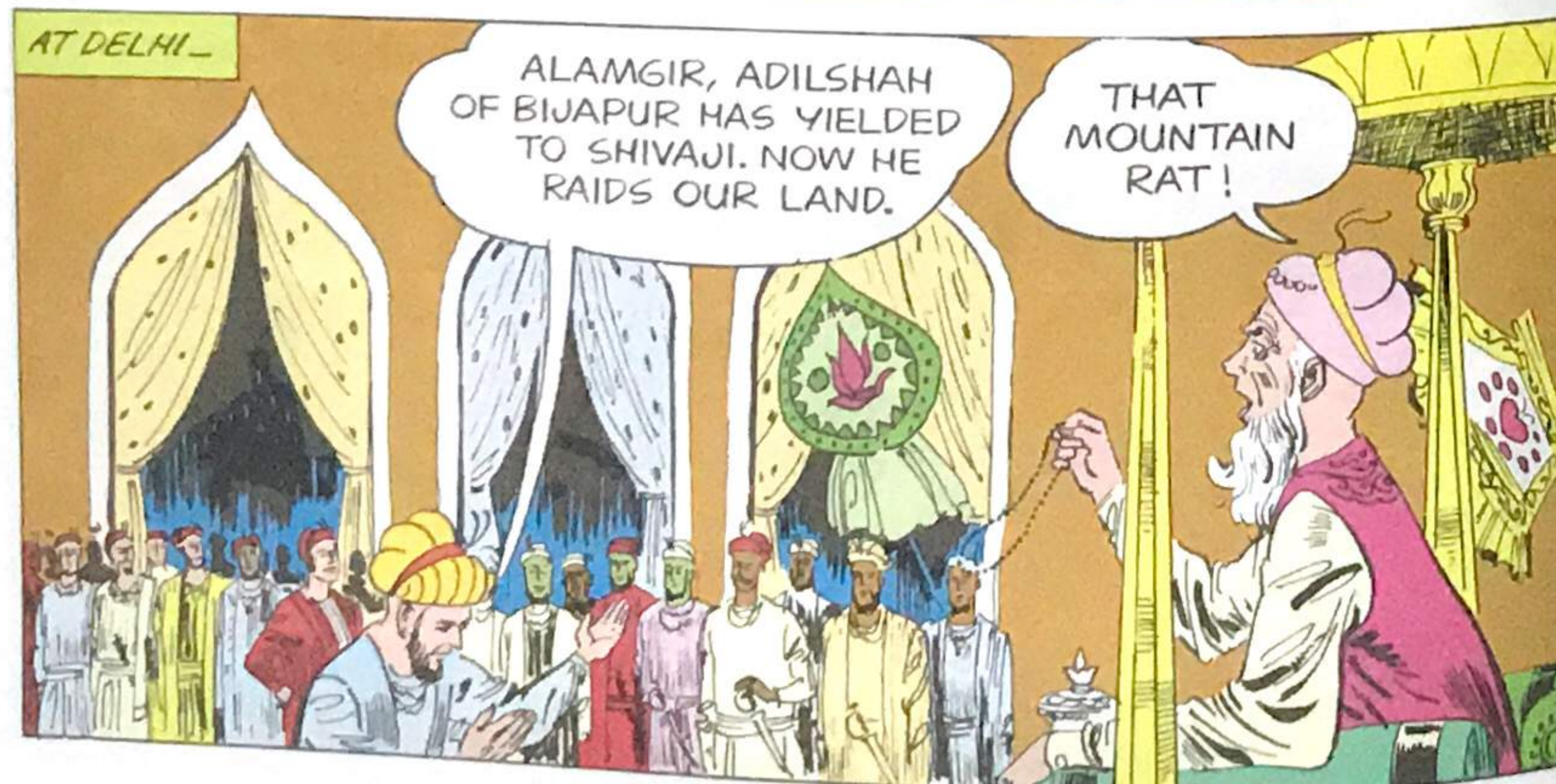


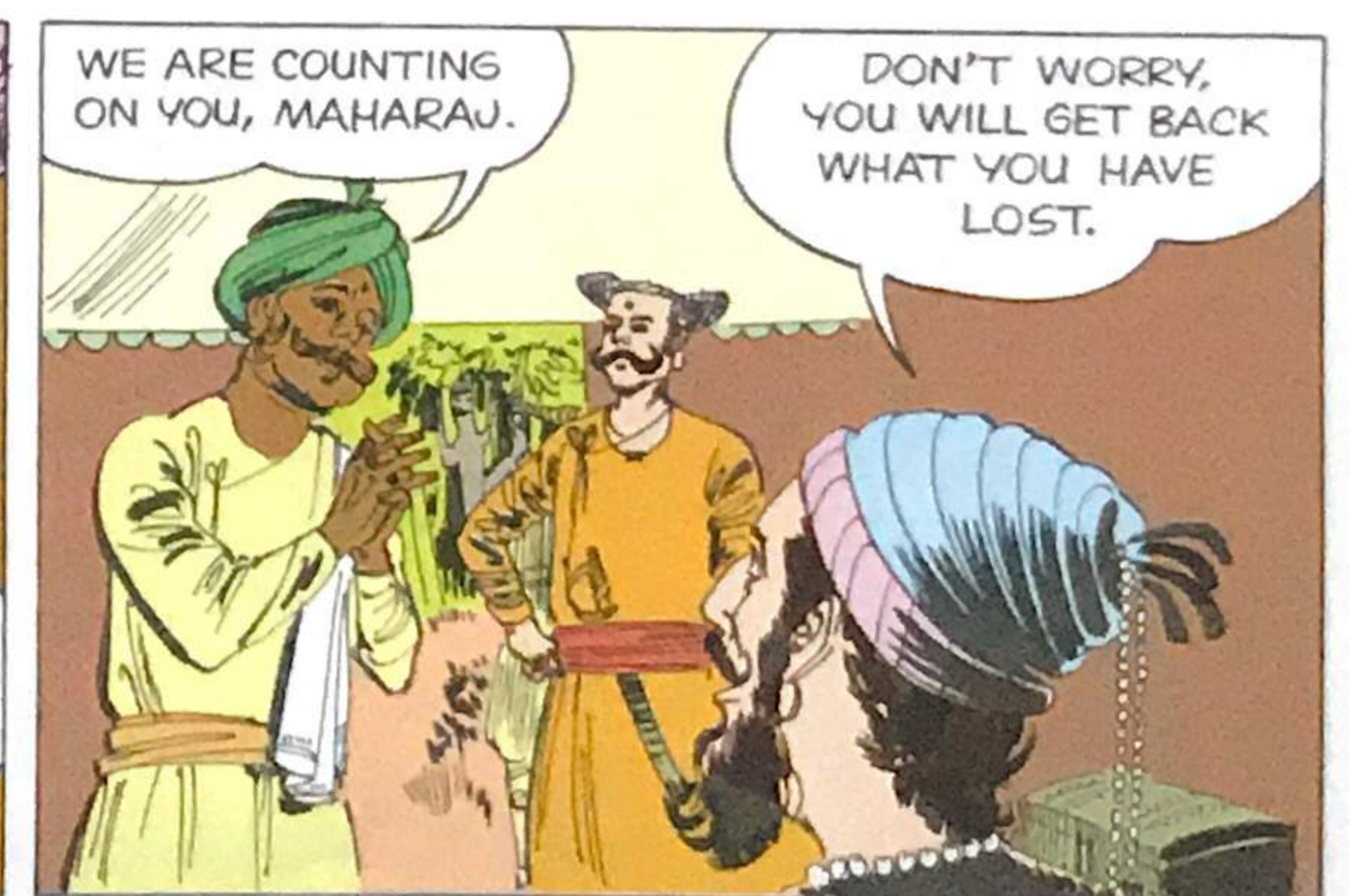
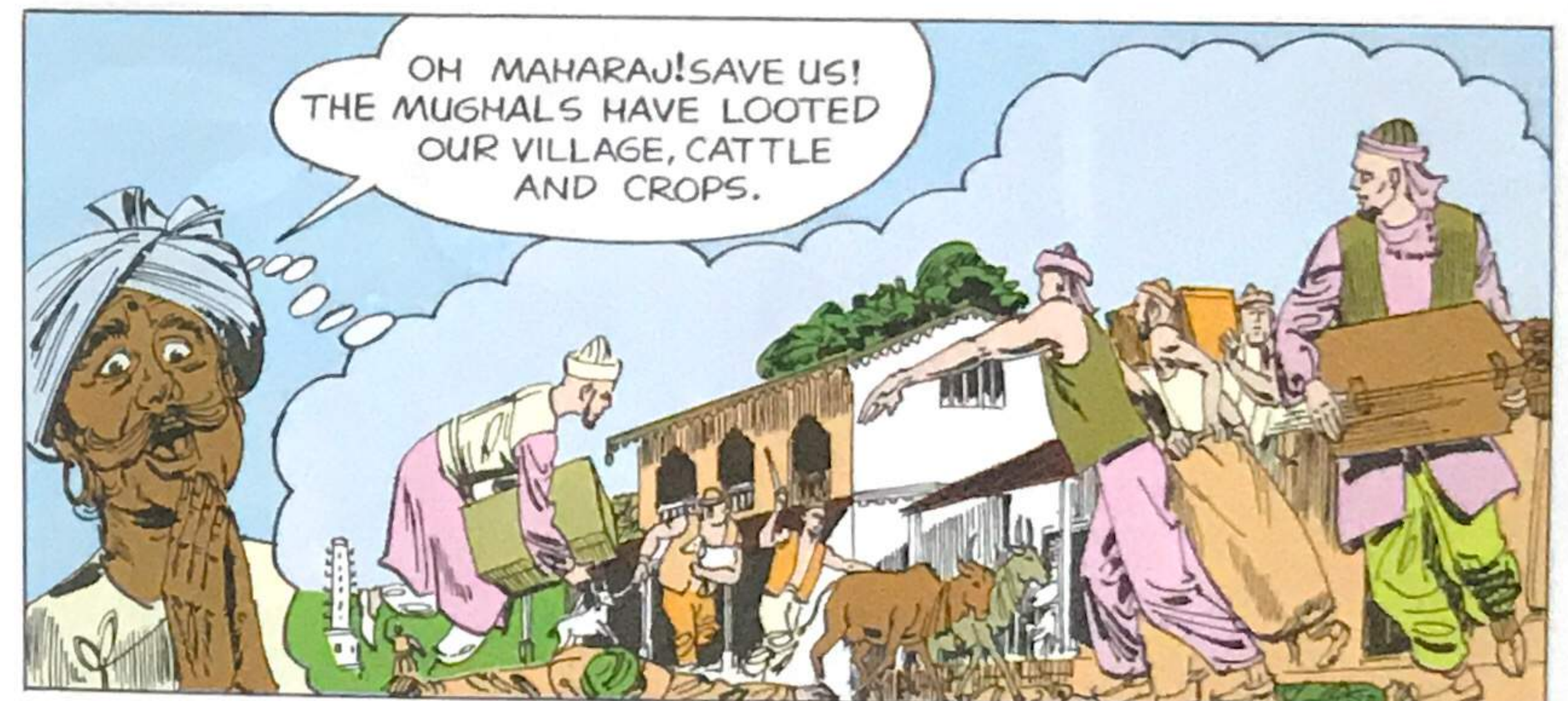
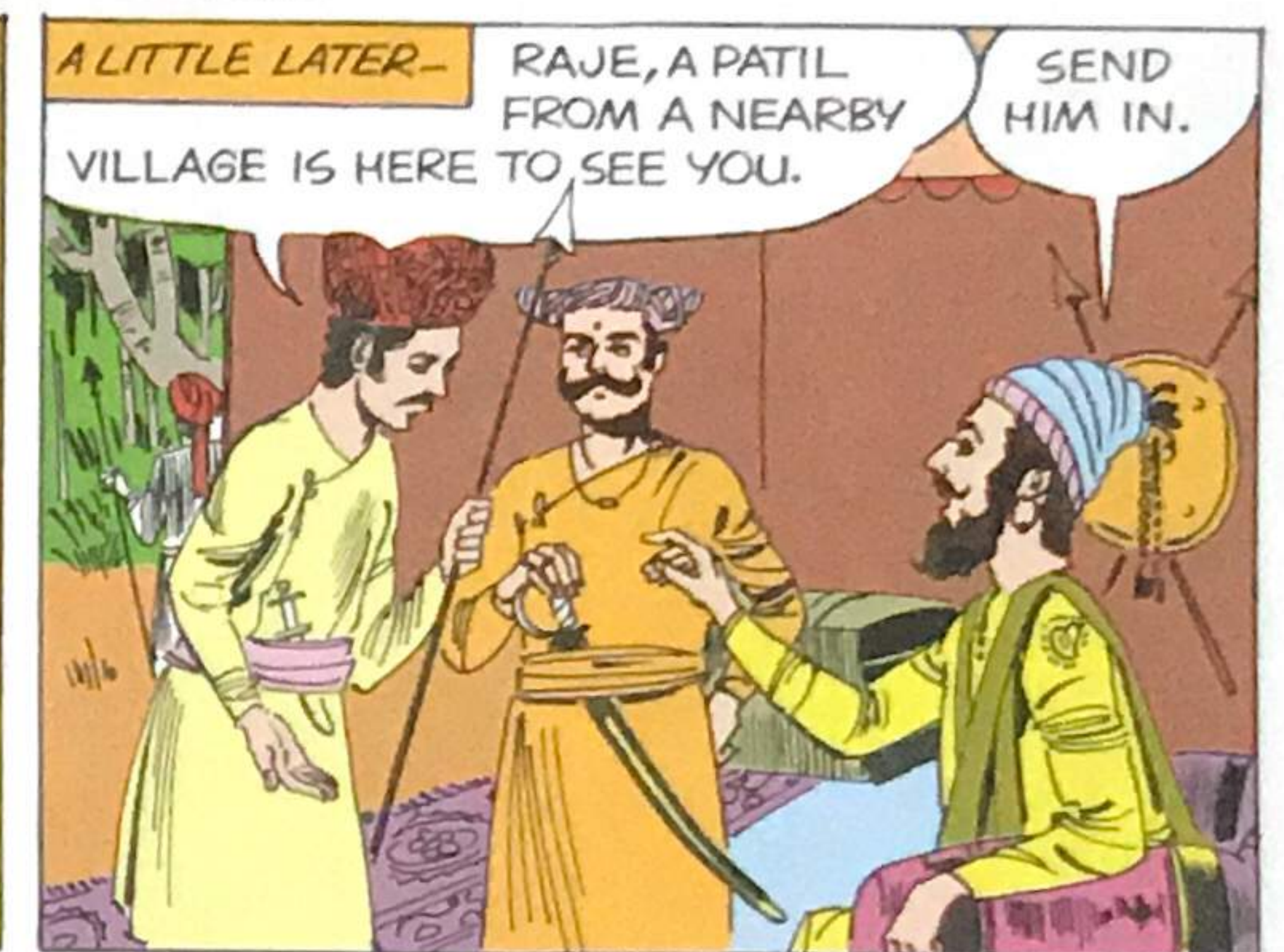
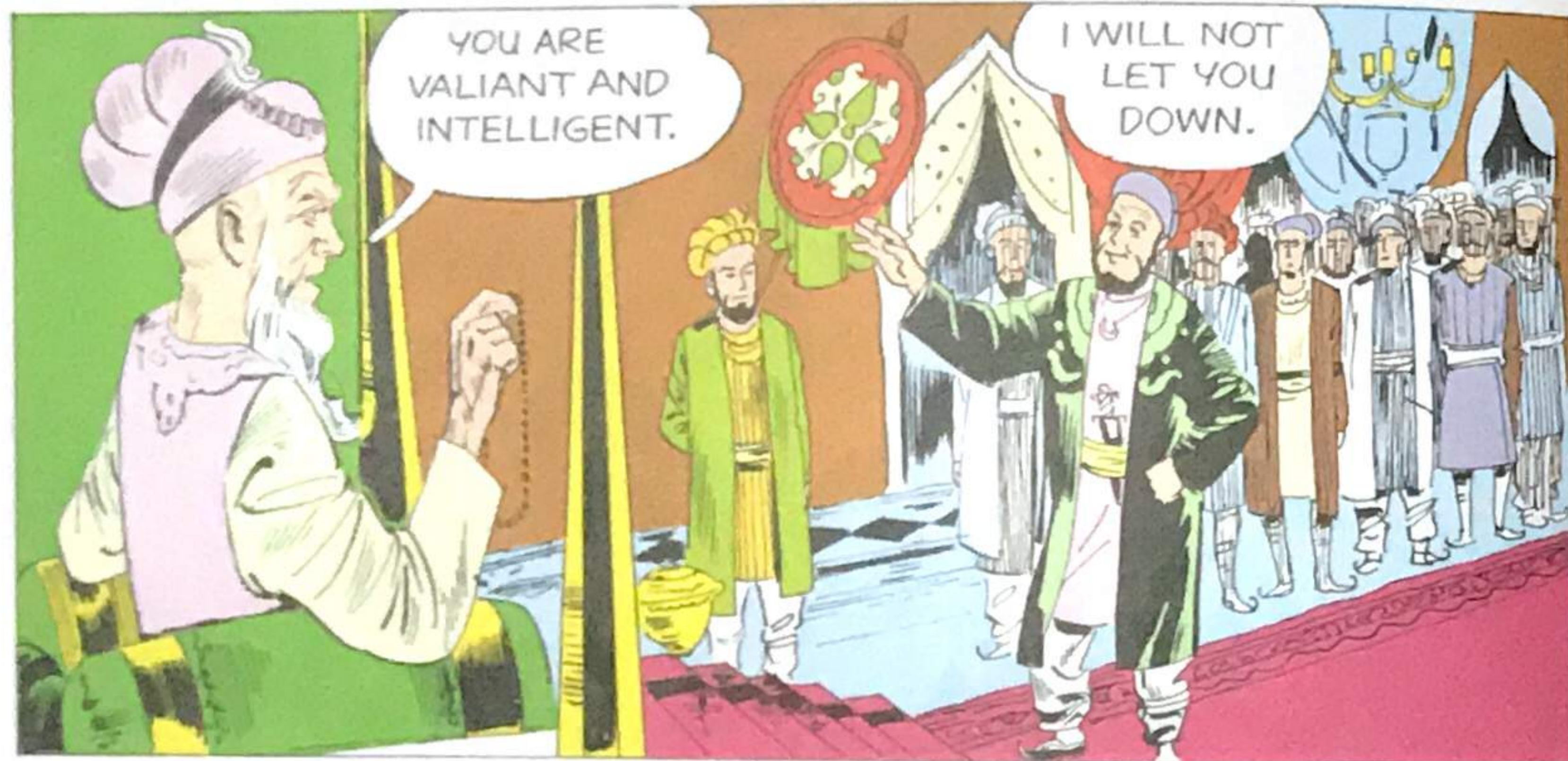
RAJE, LET US CAPTURE
TORANA FORT.

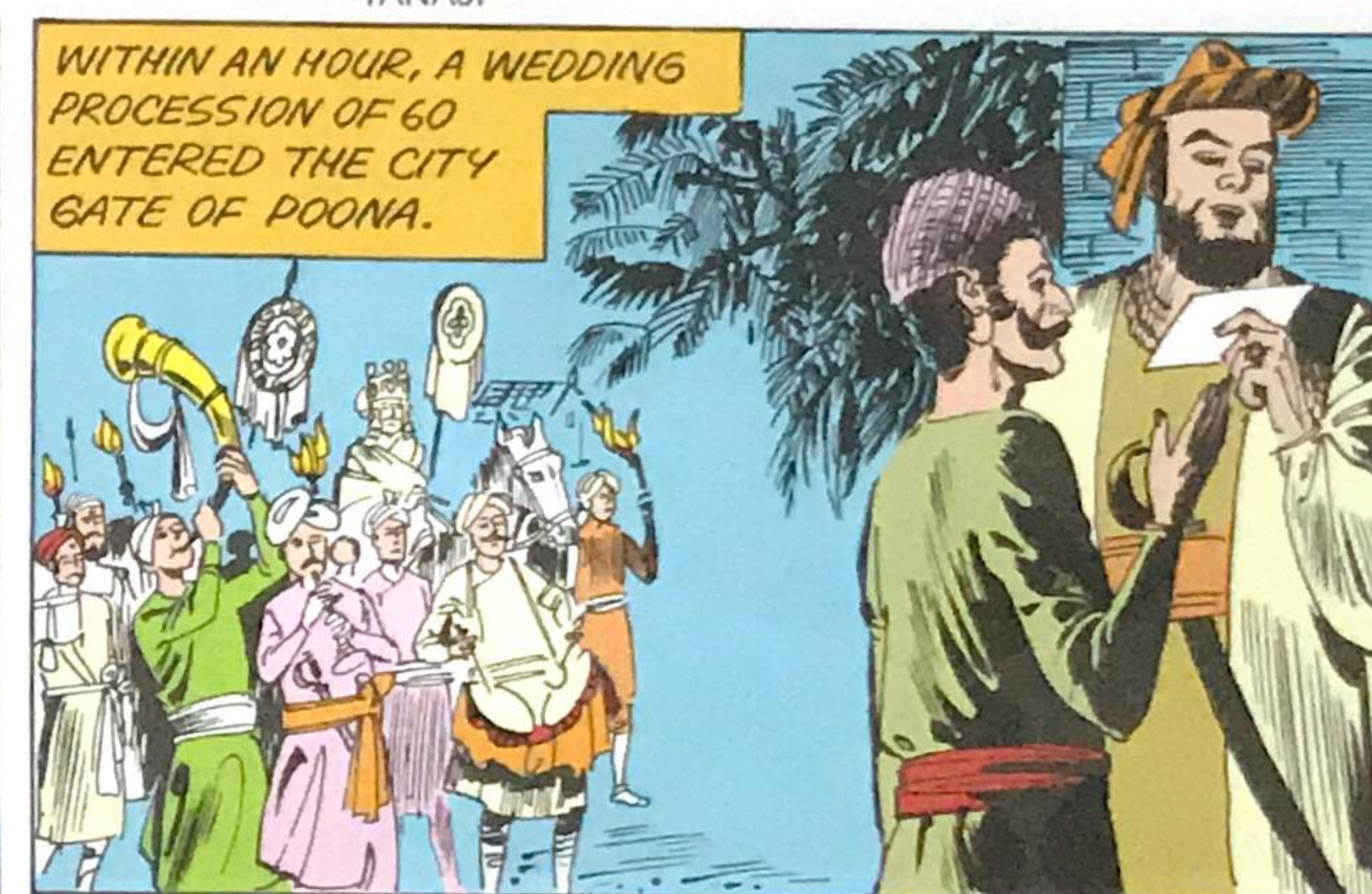
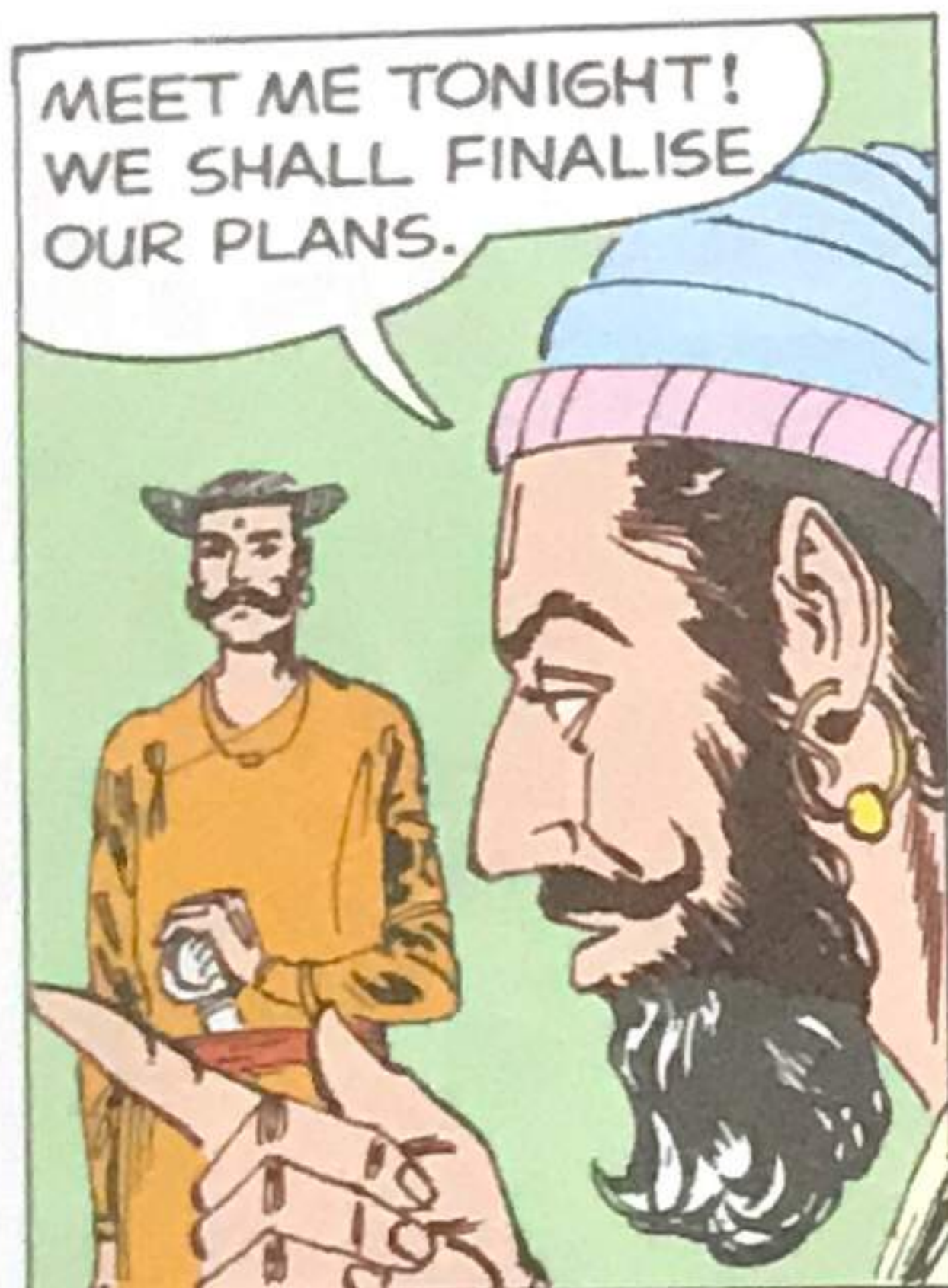


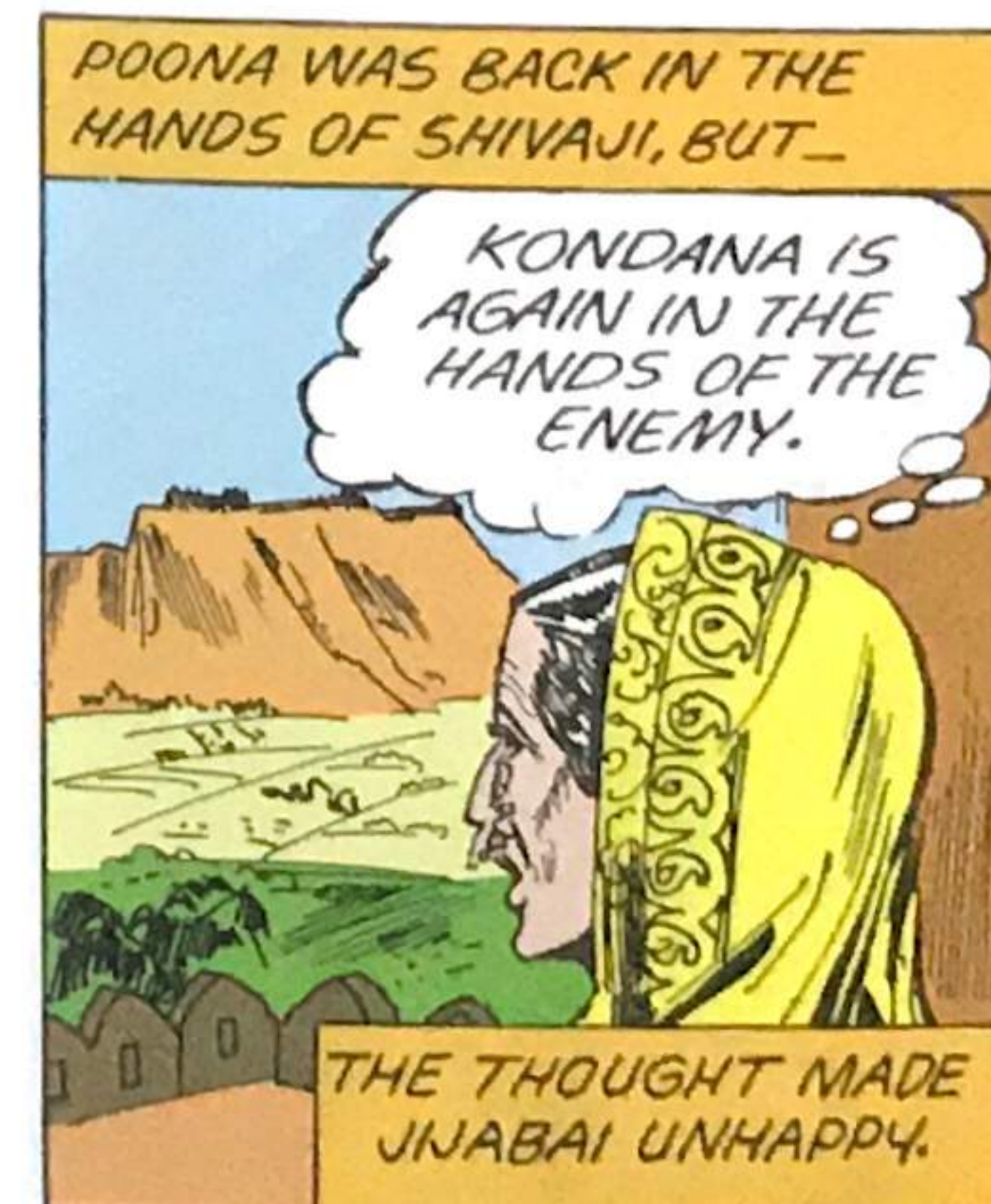
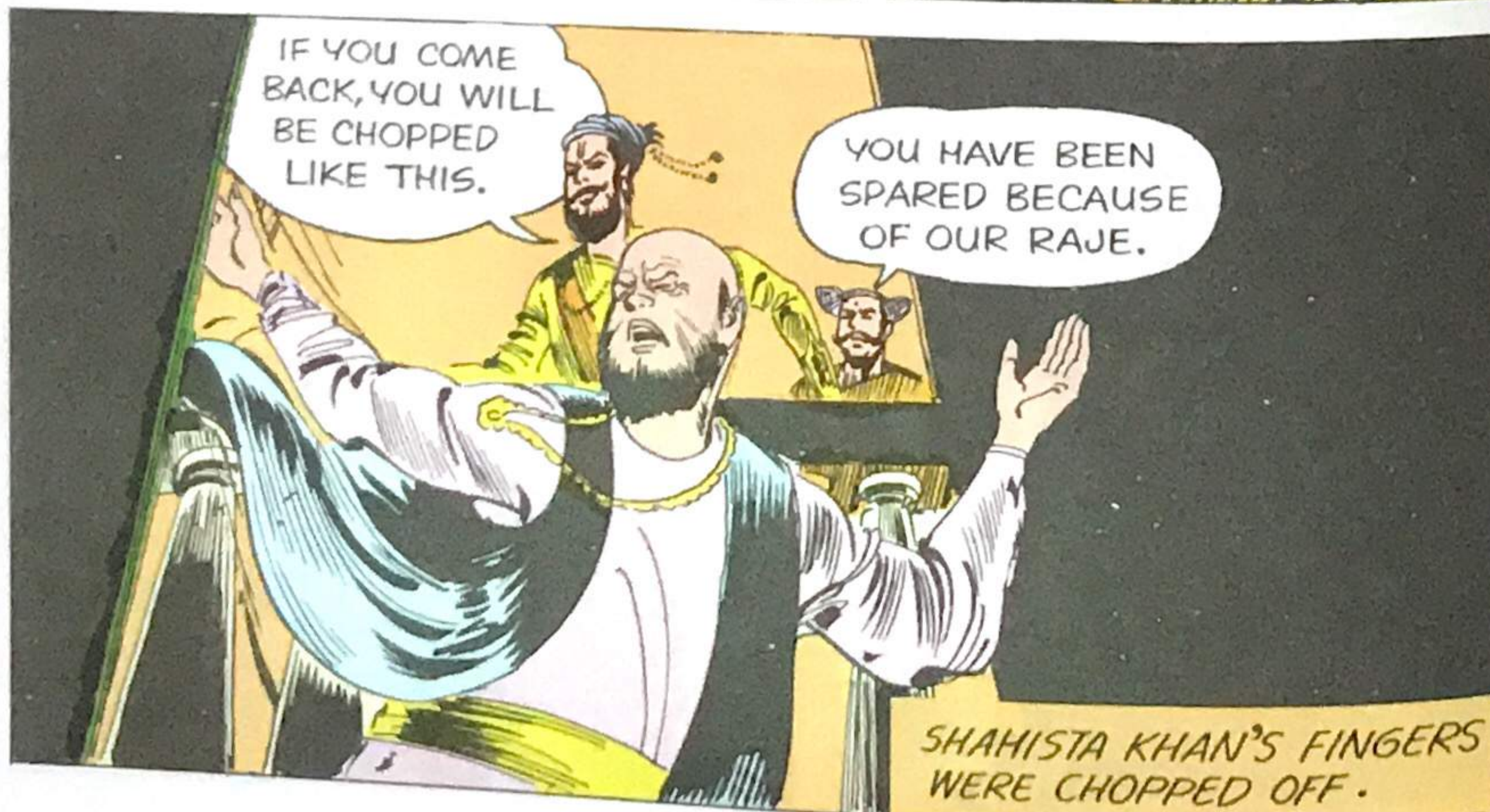
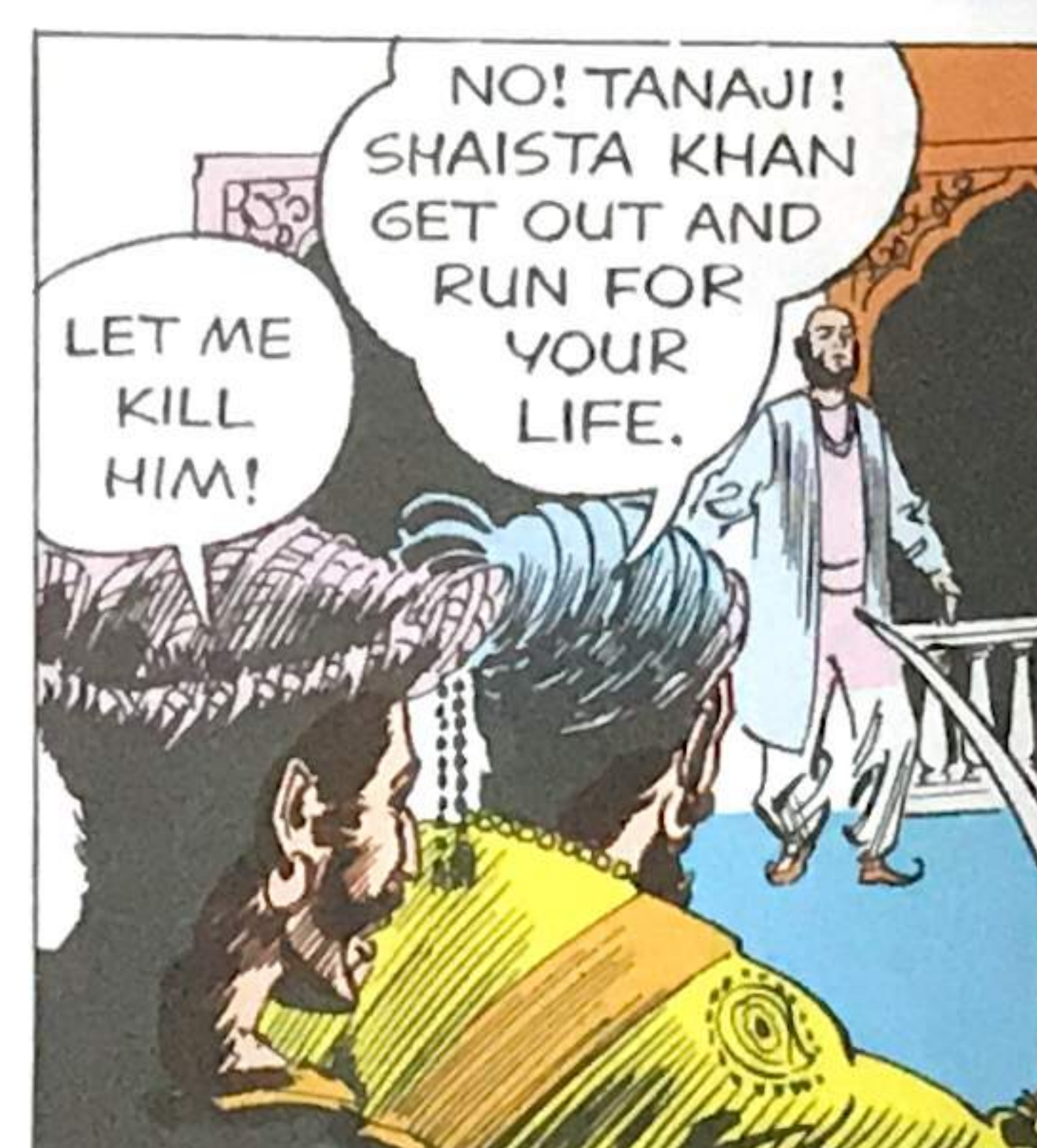
BUT WE DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH TROOPS!

RAJE, GODDESS
BHAVANI IS WITH
US.

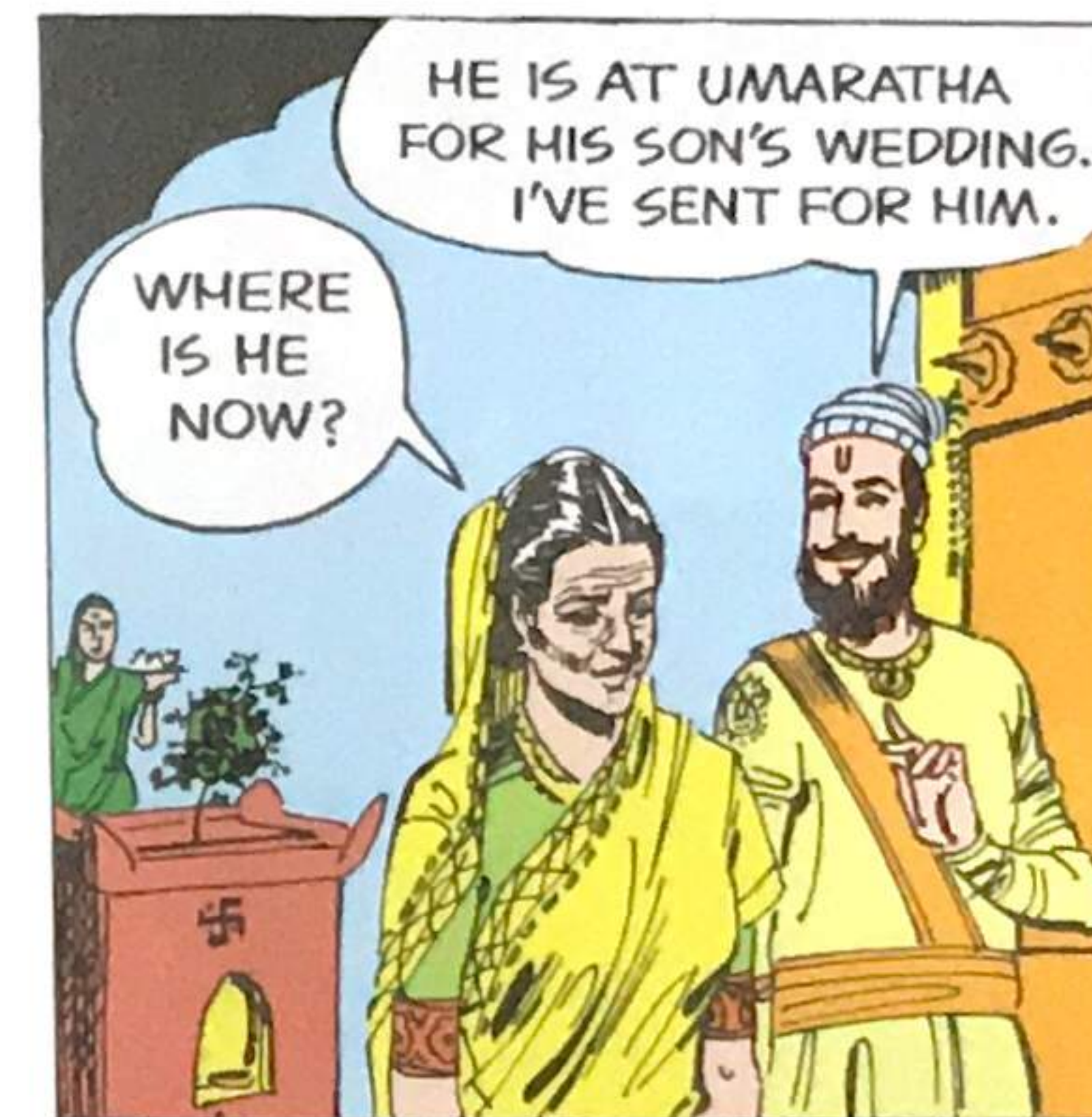
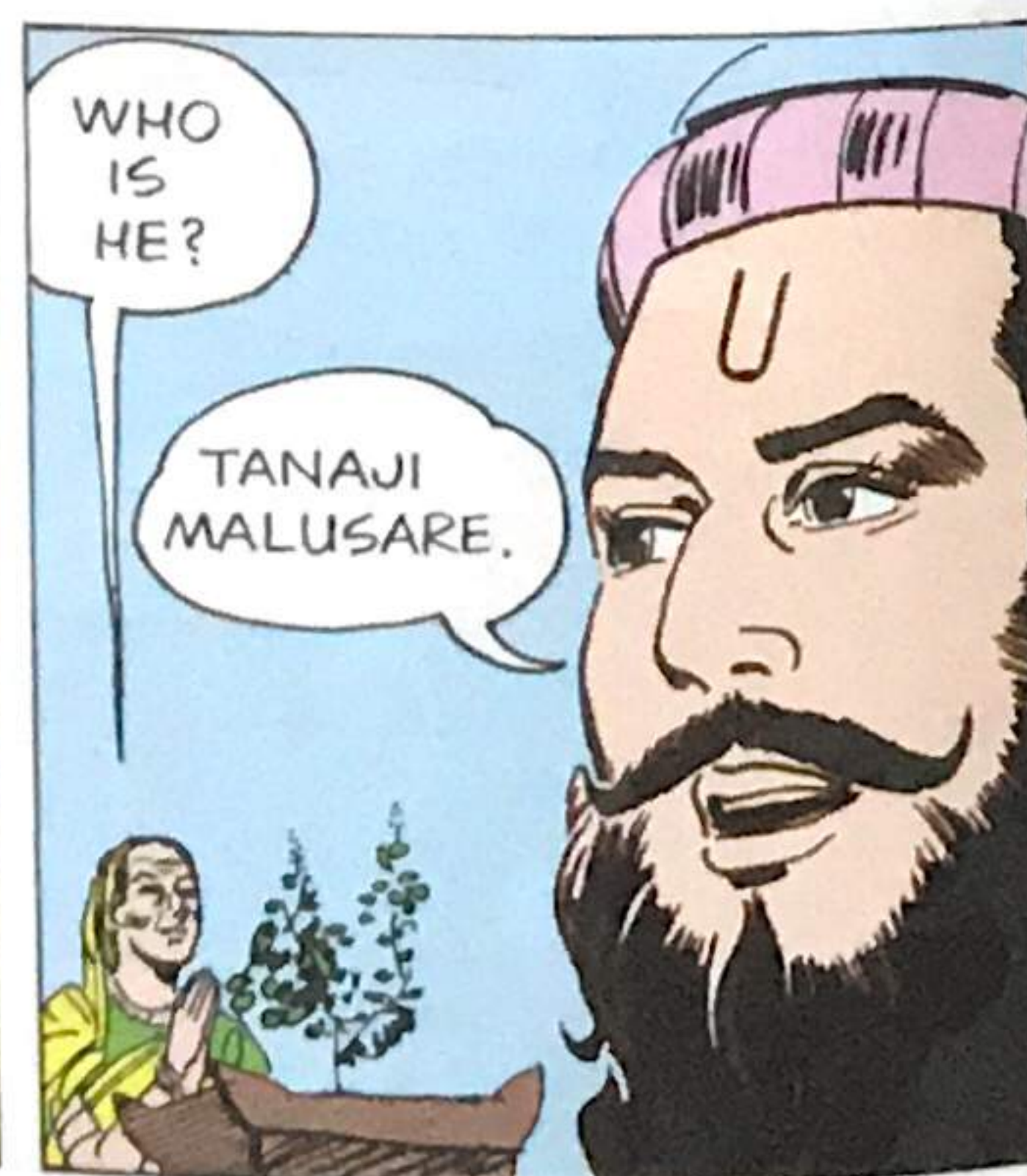
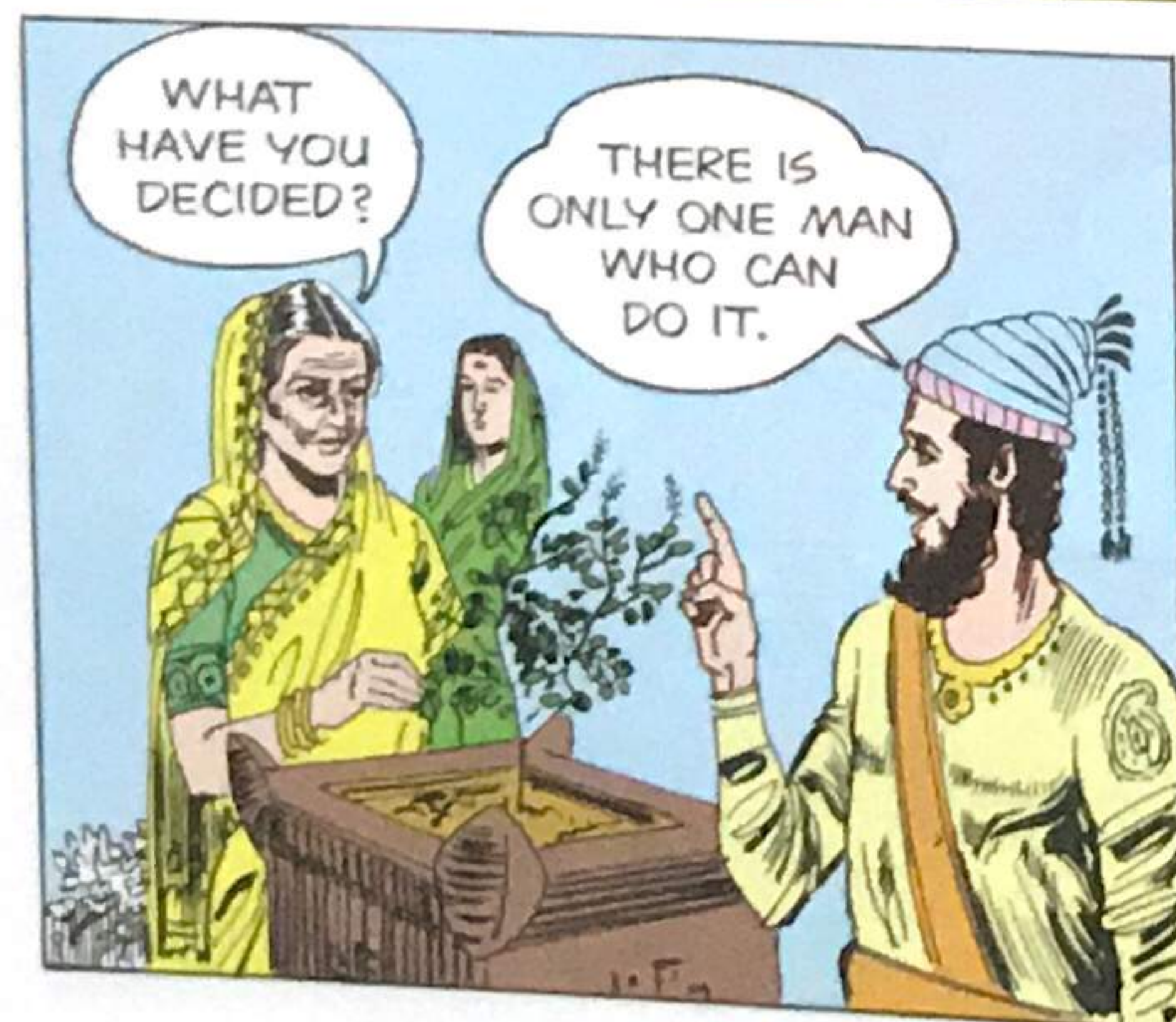
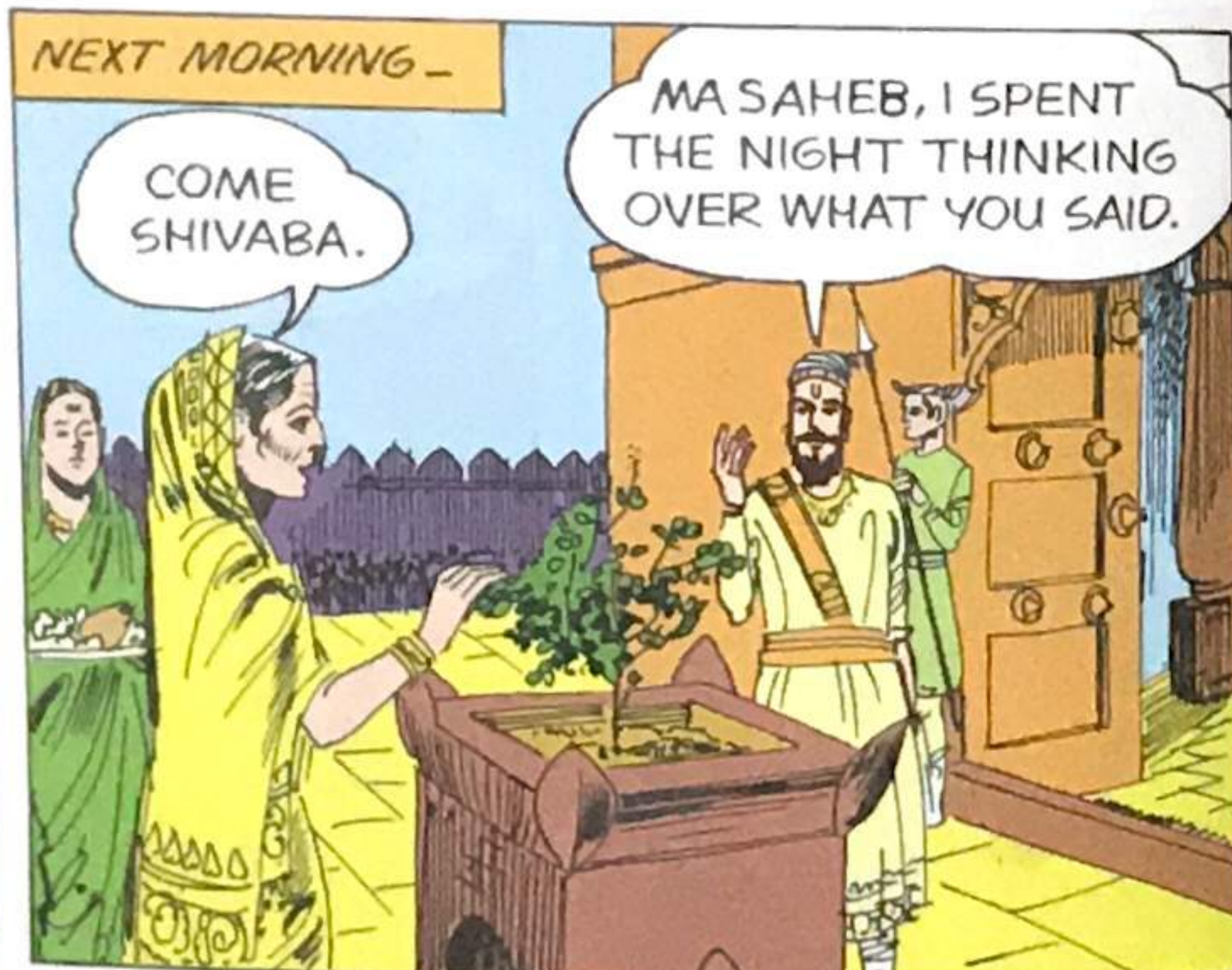
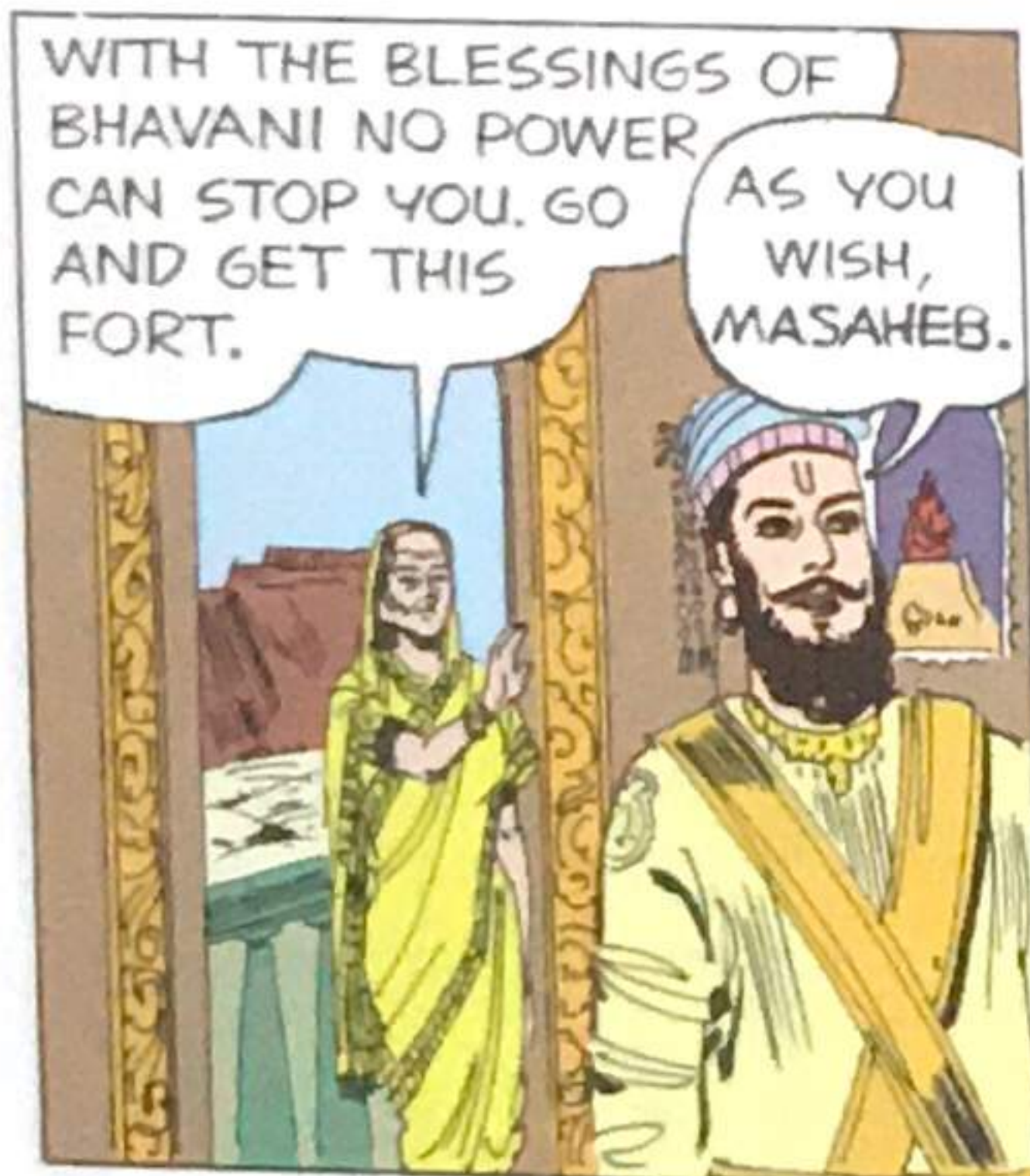


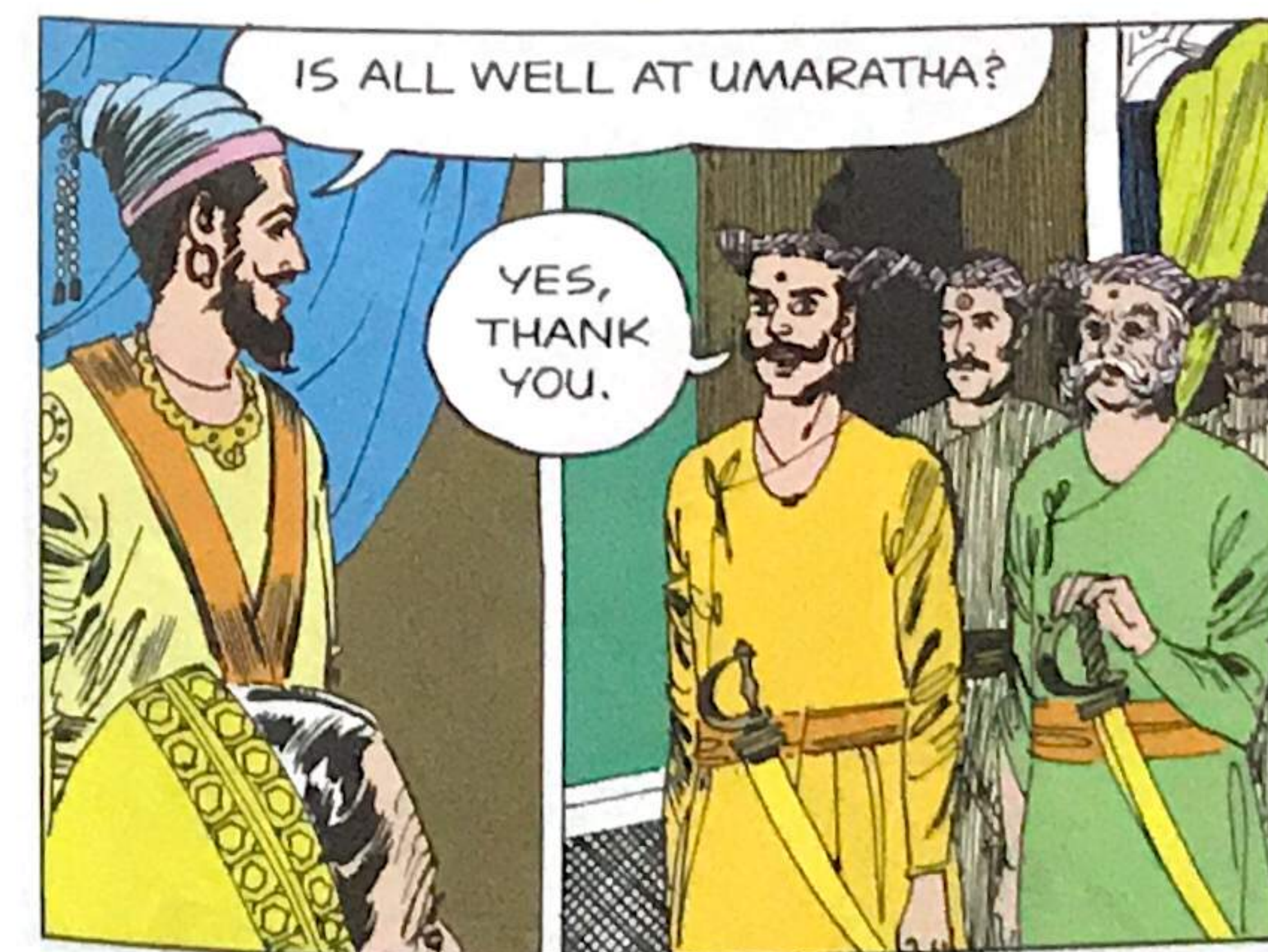
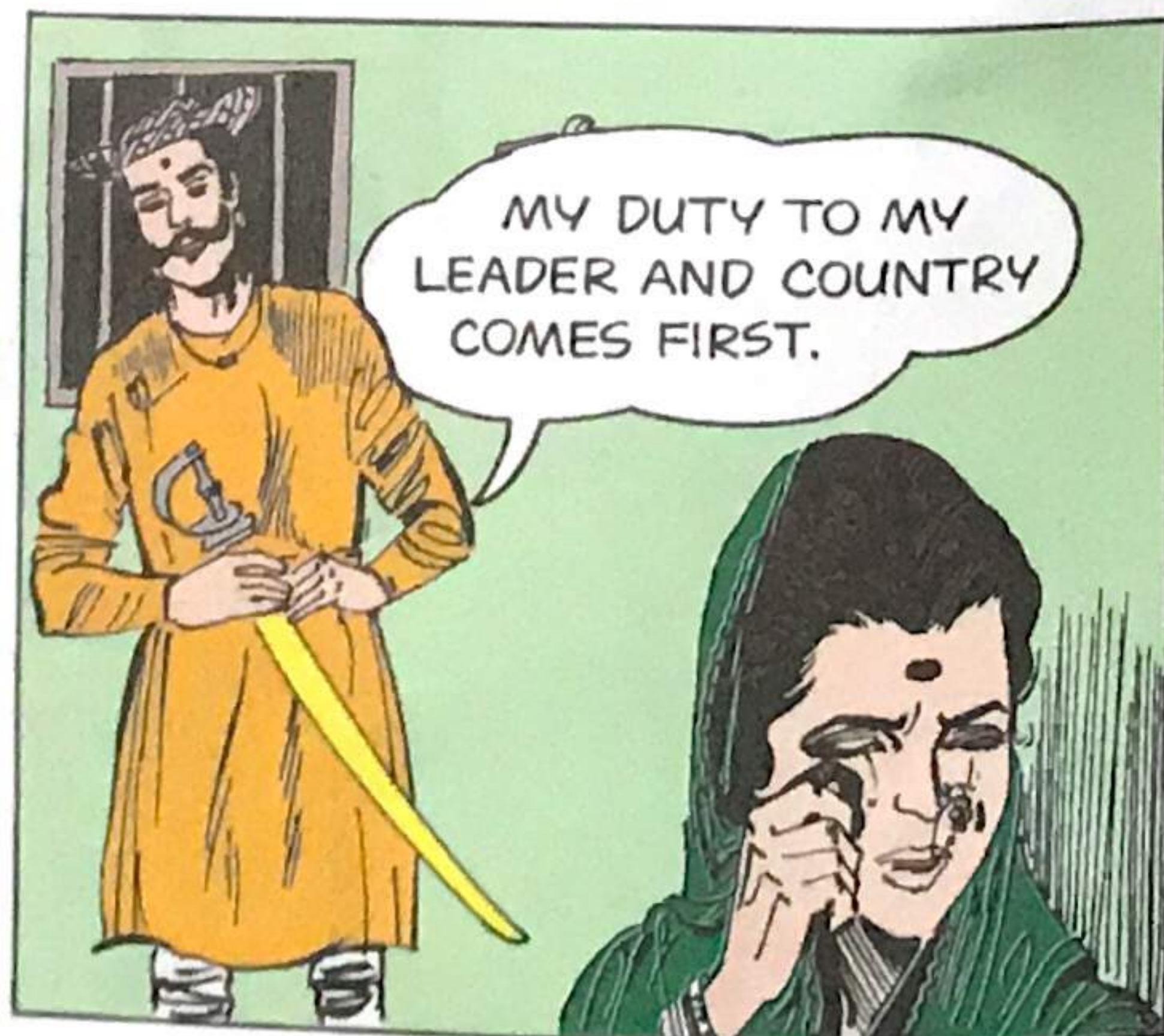
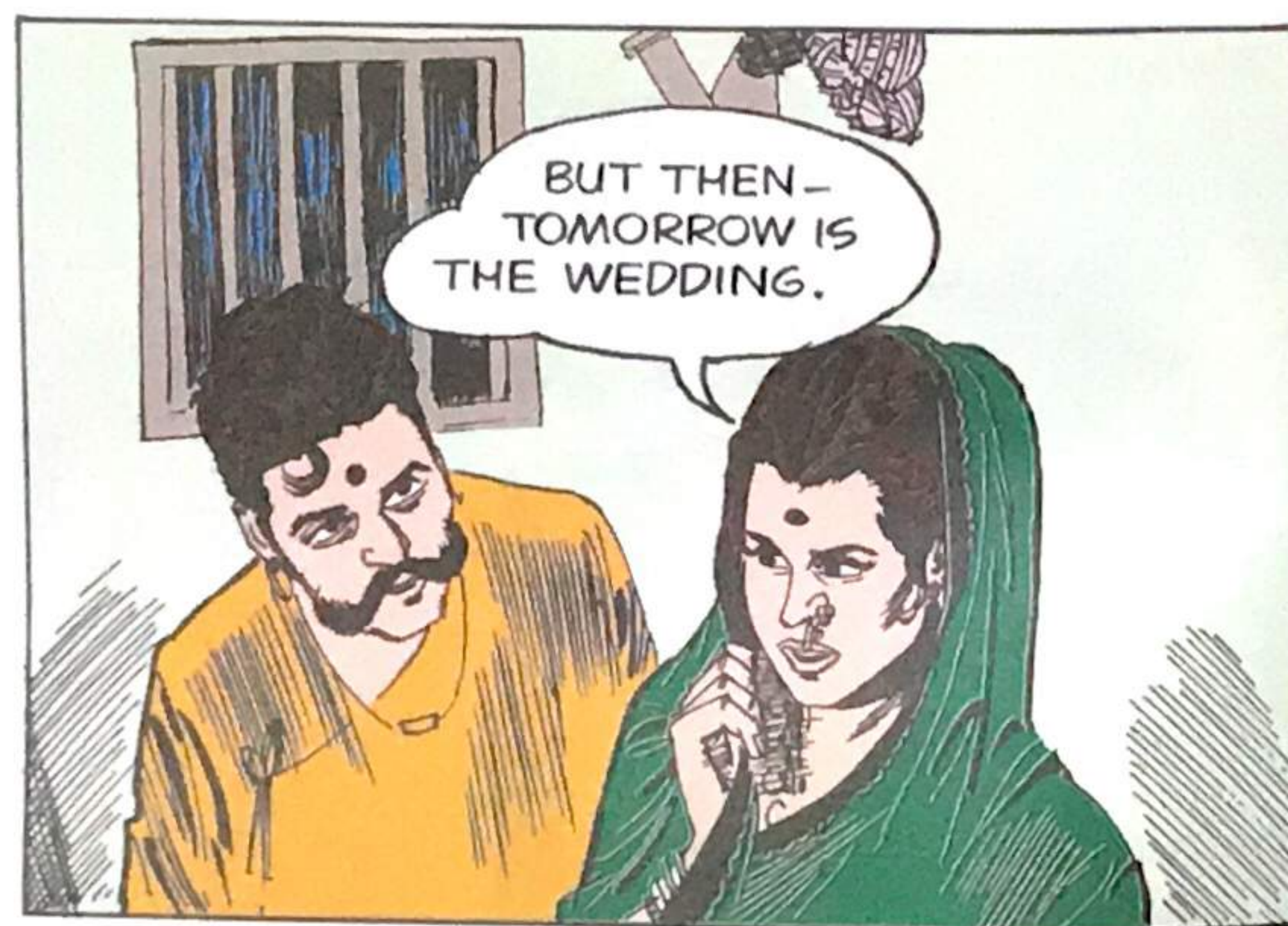


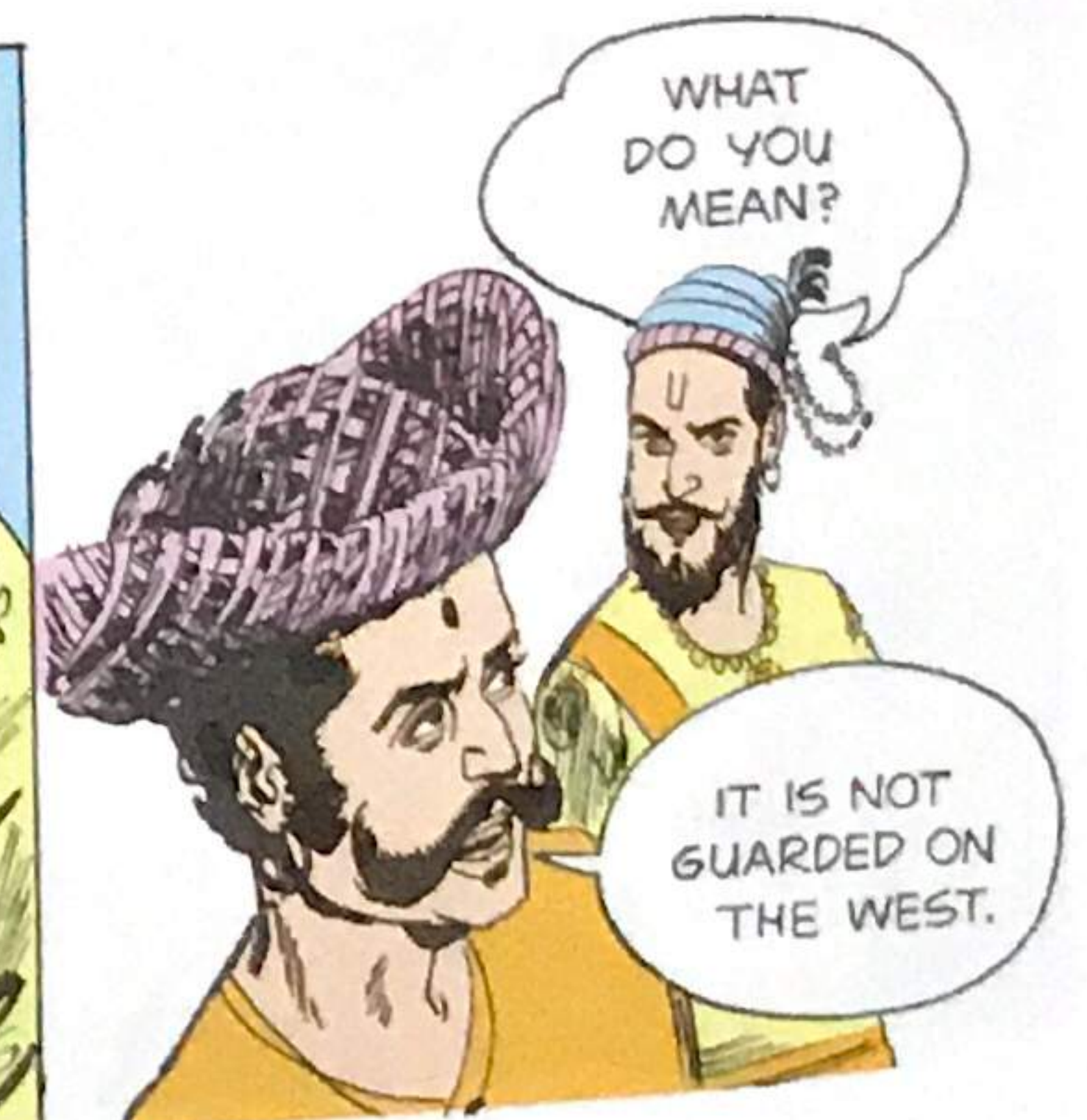
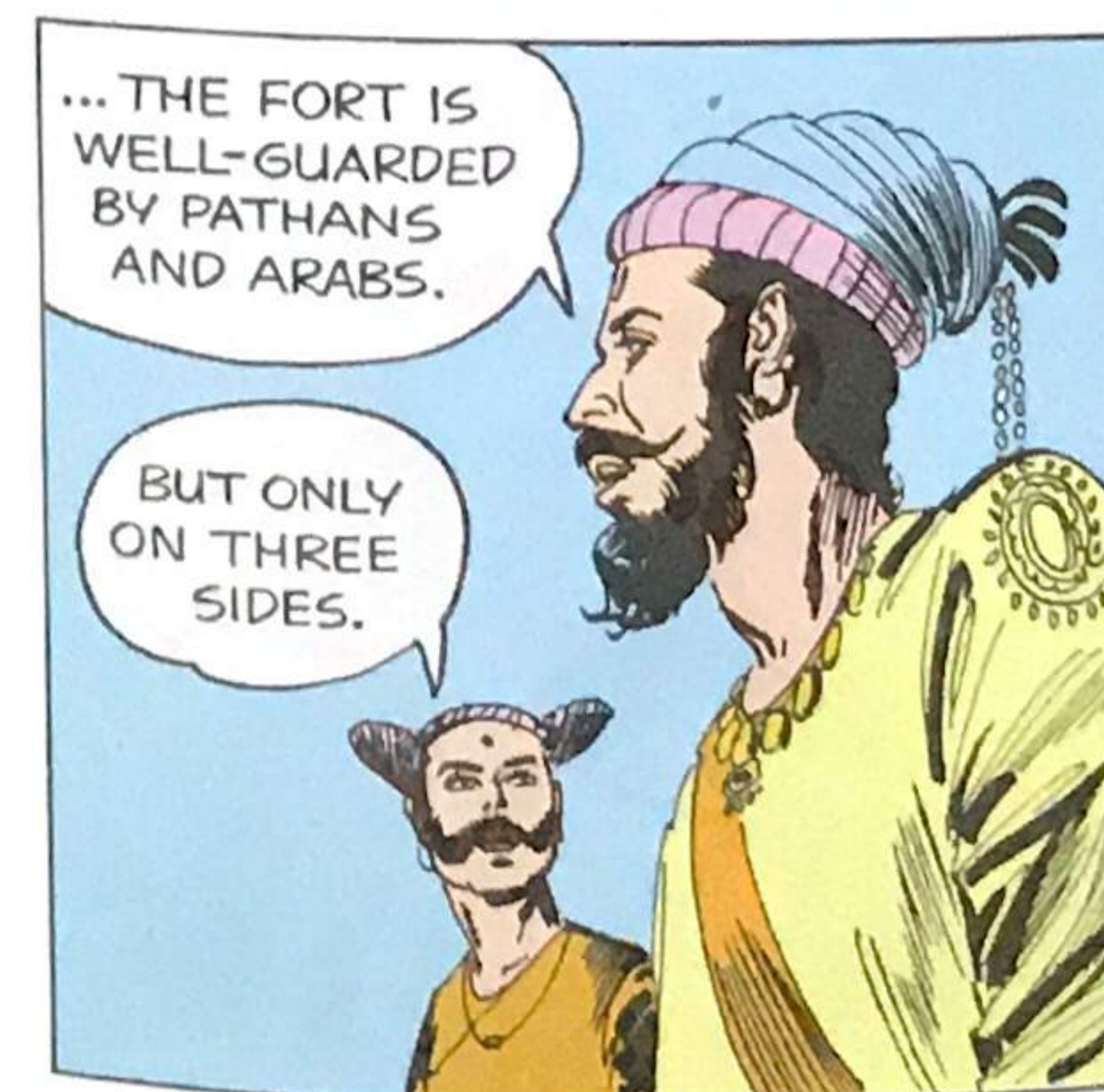
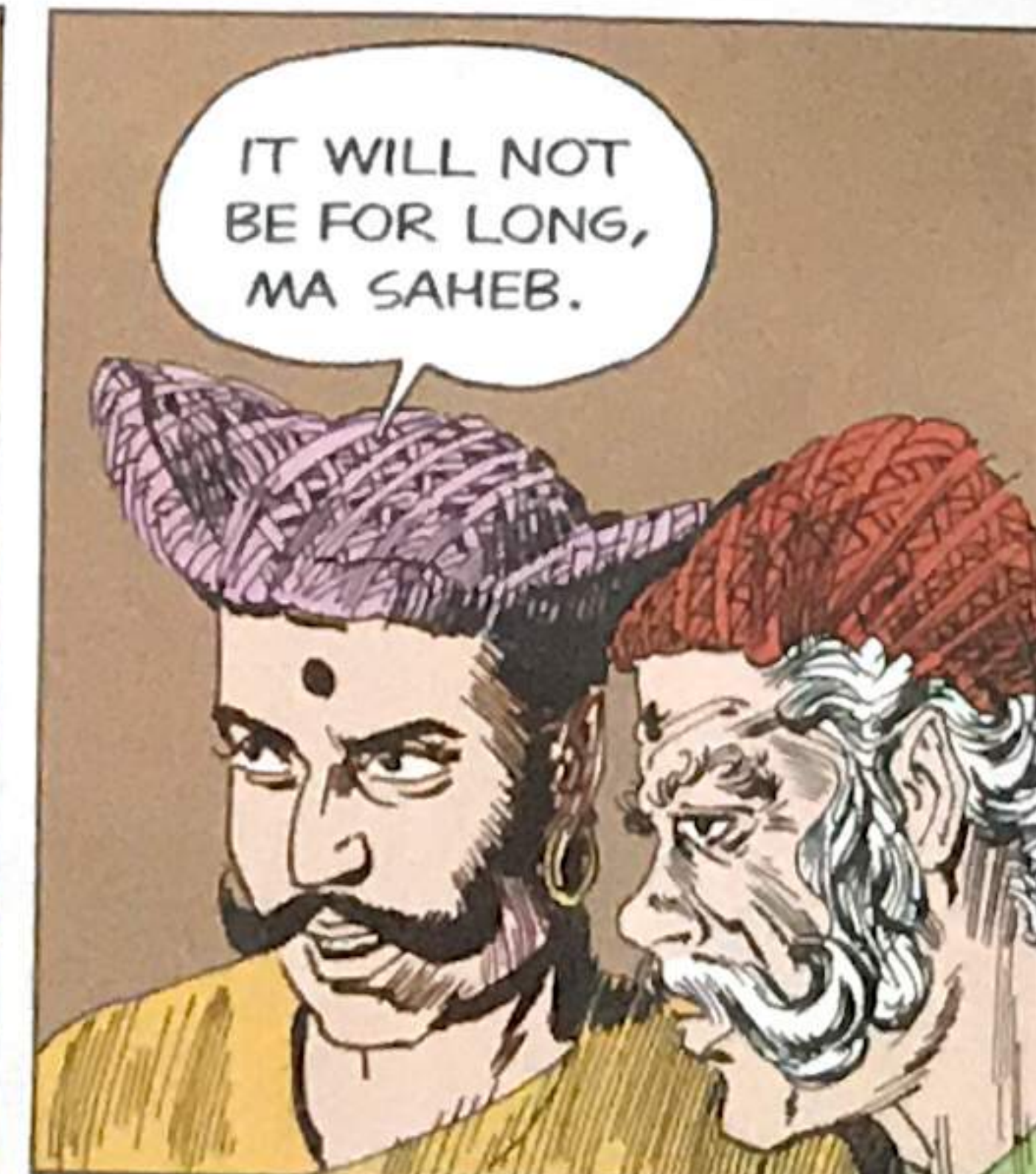
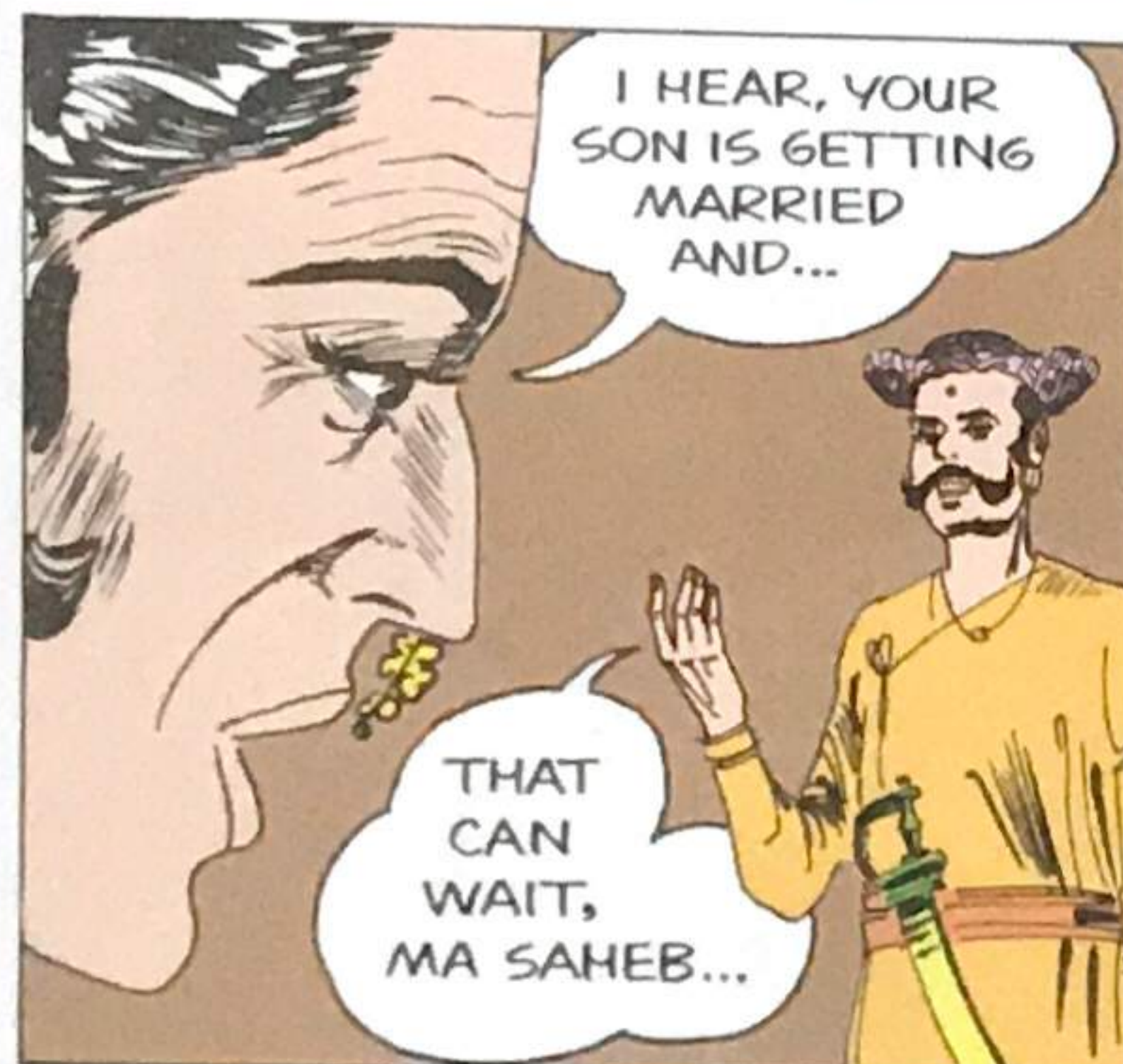
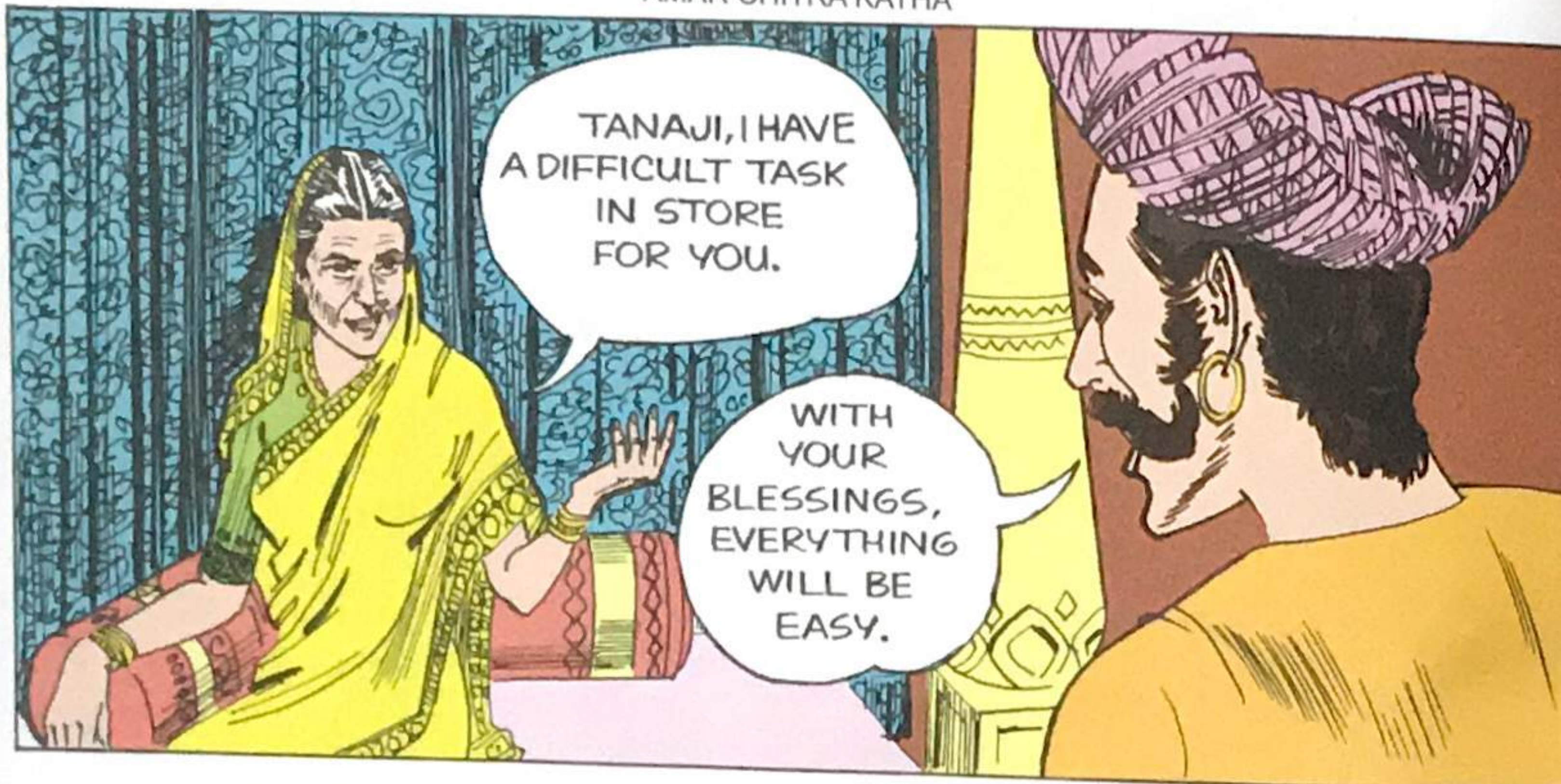


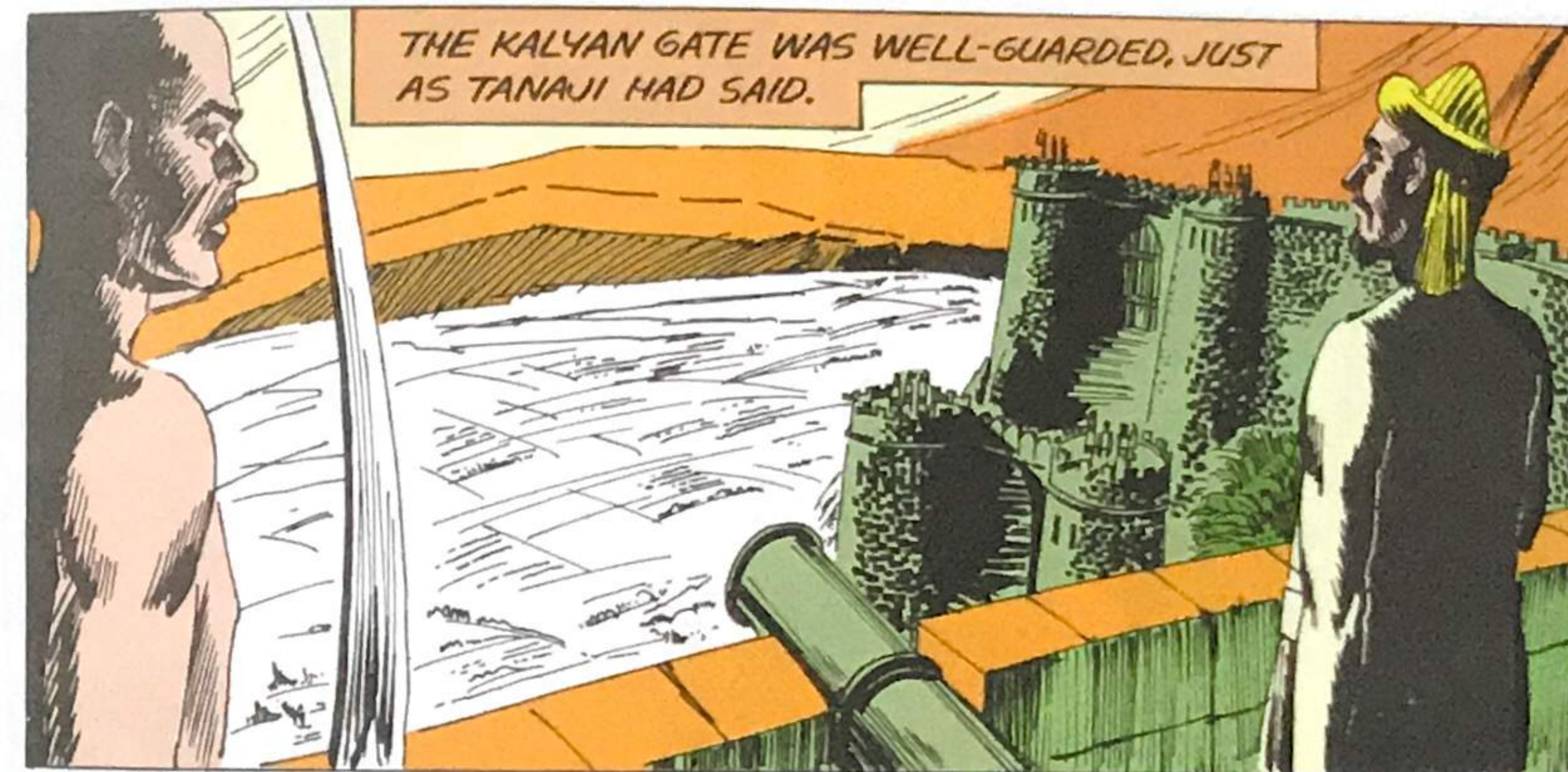
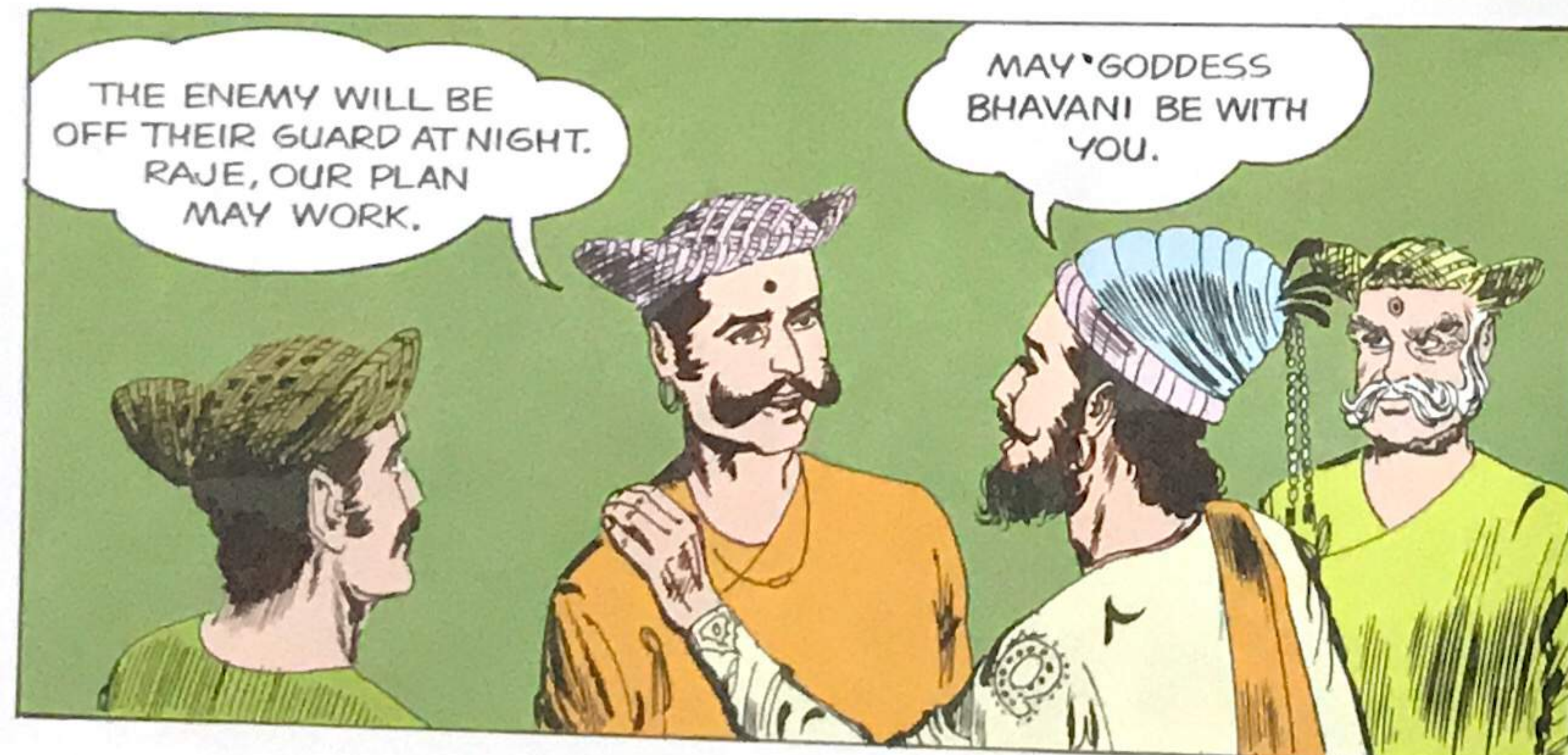












HE THREW YESHWANTI BUT SHE SLITHERED BACK.



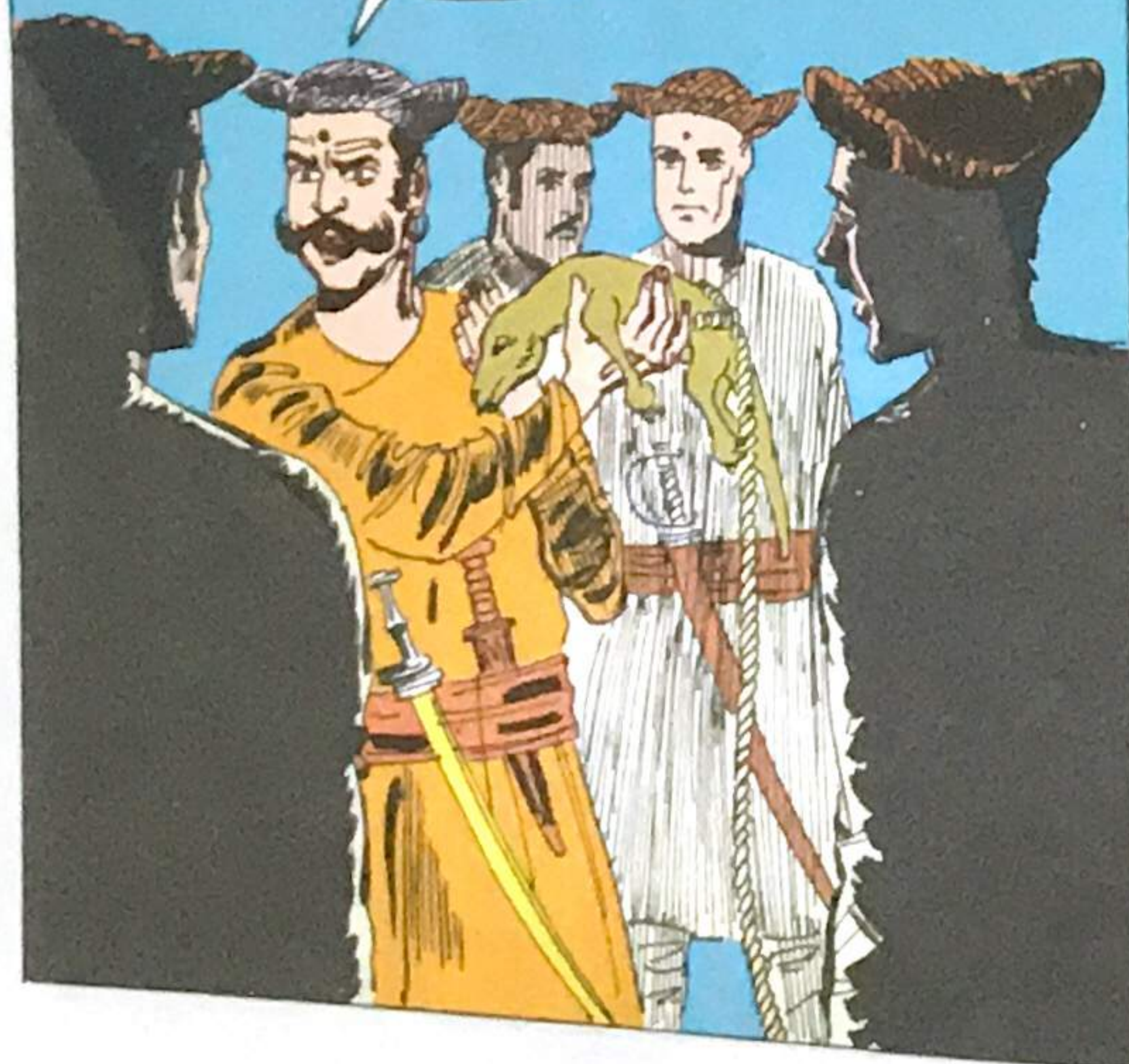
DEATH AND DEFEAT AWAIT US.

DEATH? PERHAPS. DEFEAT? NEVER!



MASTER, IT'S A BAD OMEN.

BE SENSIBLE, THE LAZY REPTILE HAS NO DIVINE POWERS!



I SHALL MAKE MINCEMEAT OF YOU IF YOU DON'T DO THE JOB.



HE AGAIN THREW HER AND SHE GRIPPED THE HARD ROCK.



NOW BROTHERS! I'LL GO UP FIRST AND THROW DOWN MORE ROPES FOR YOU. ONWARD TO VICTORY.



LATER -

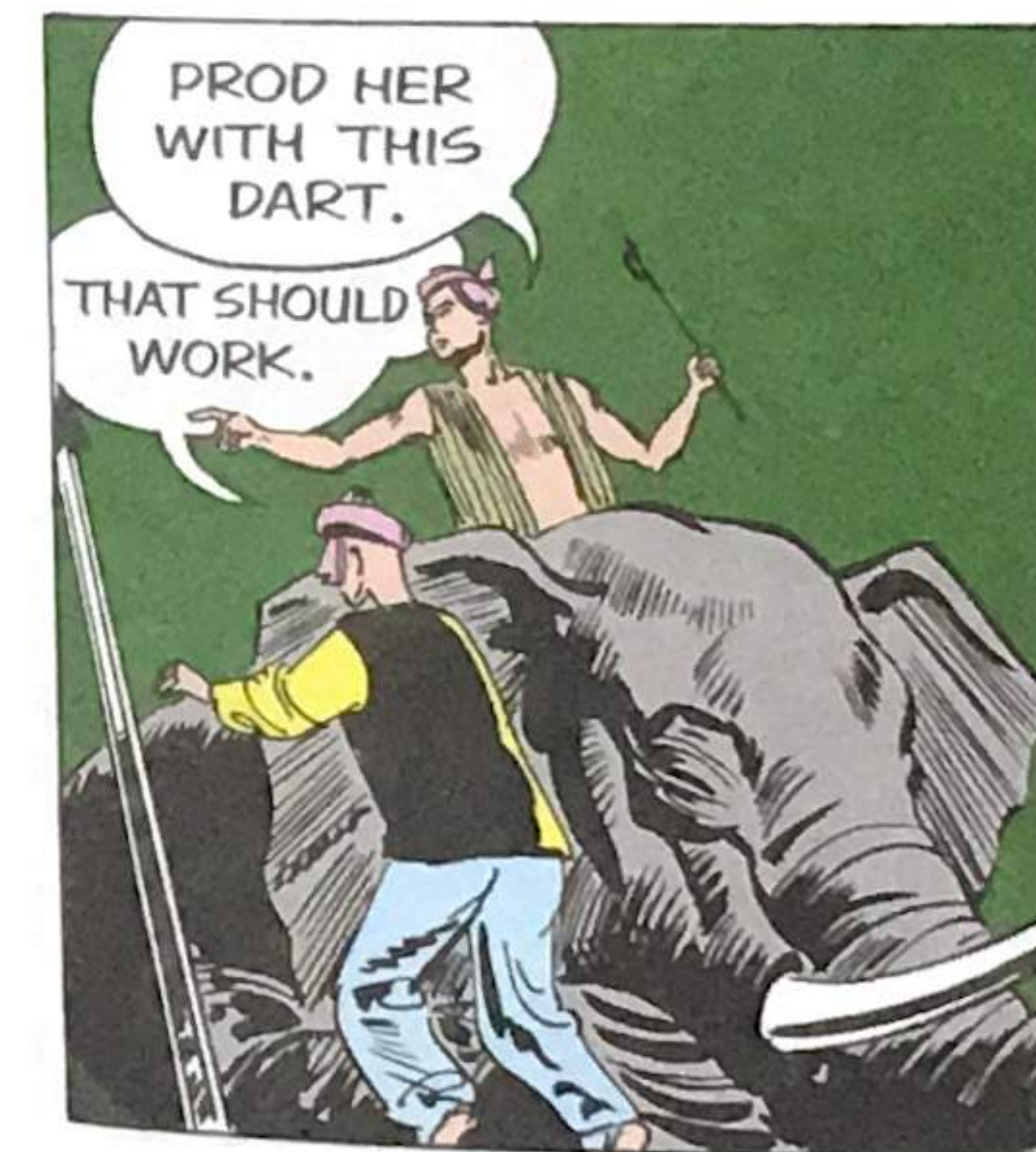
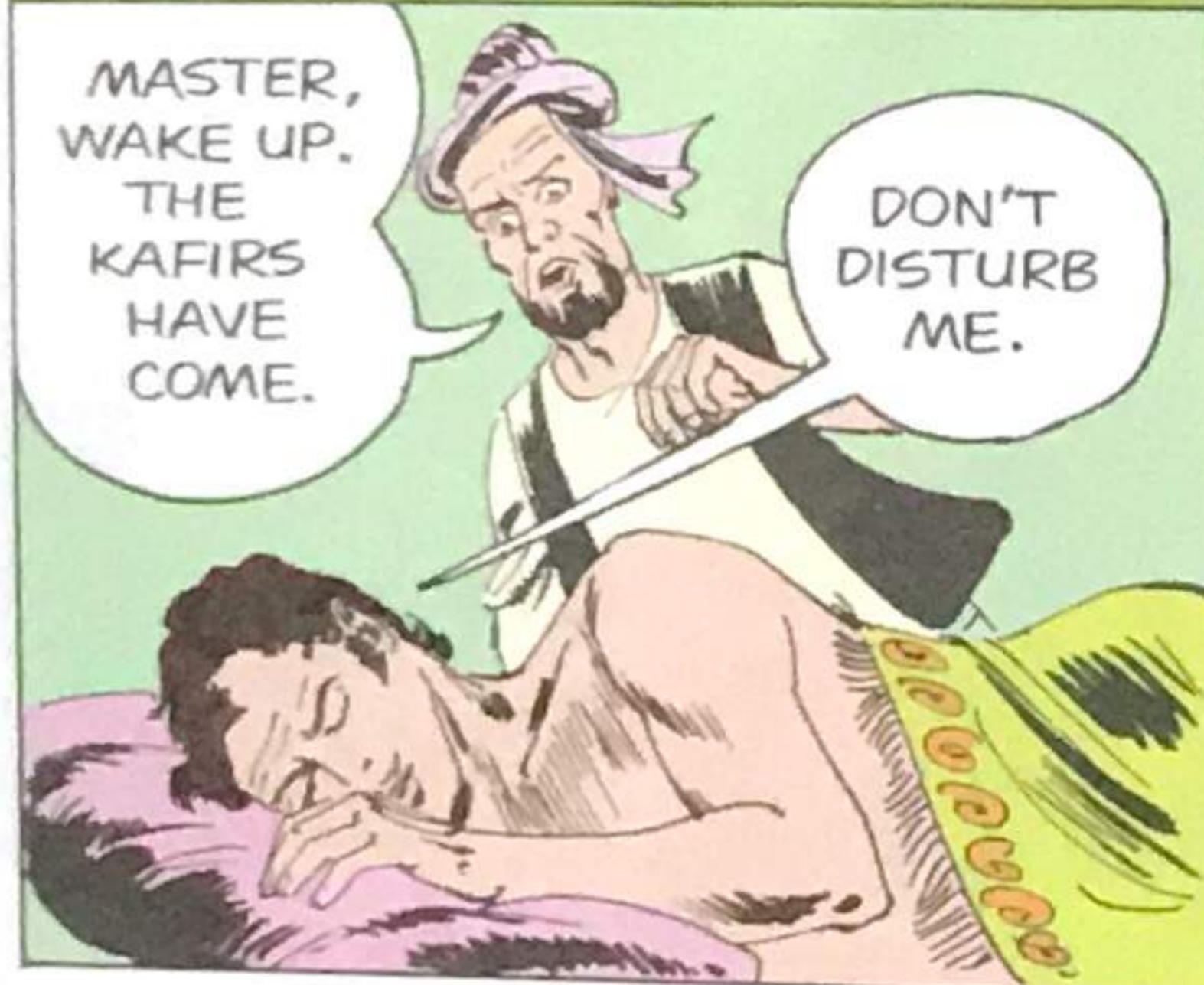


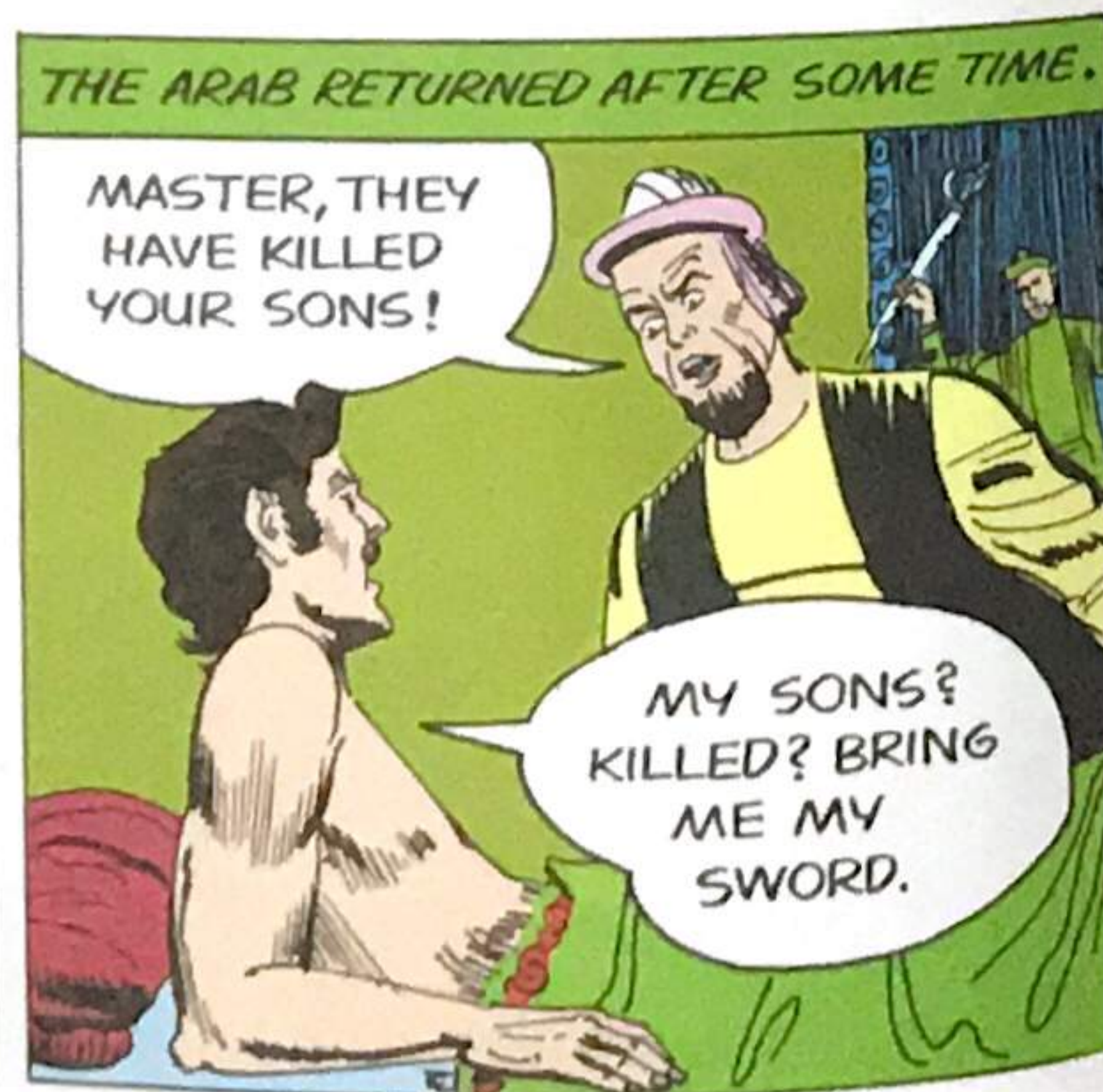
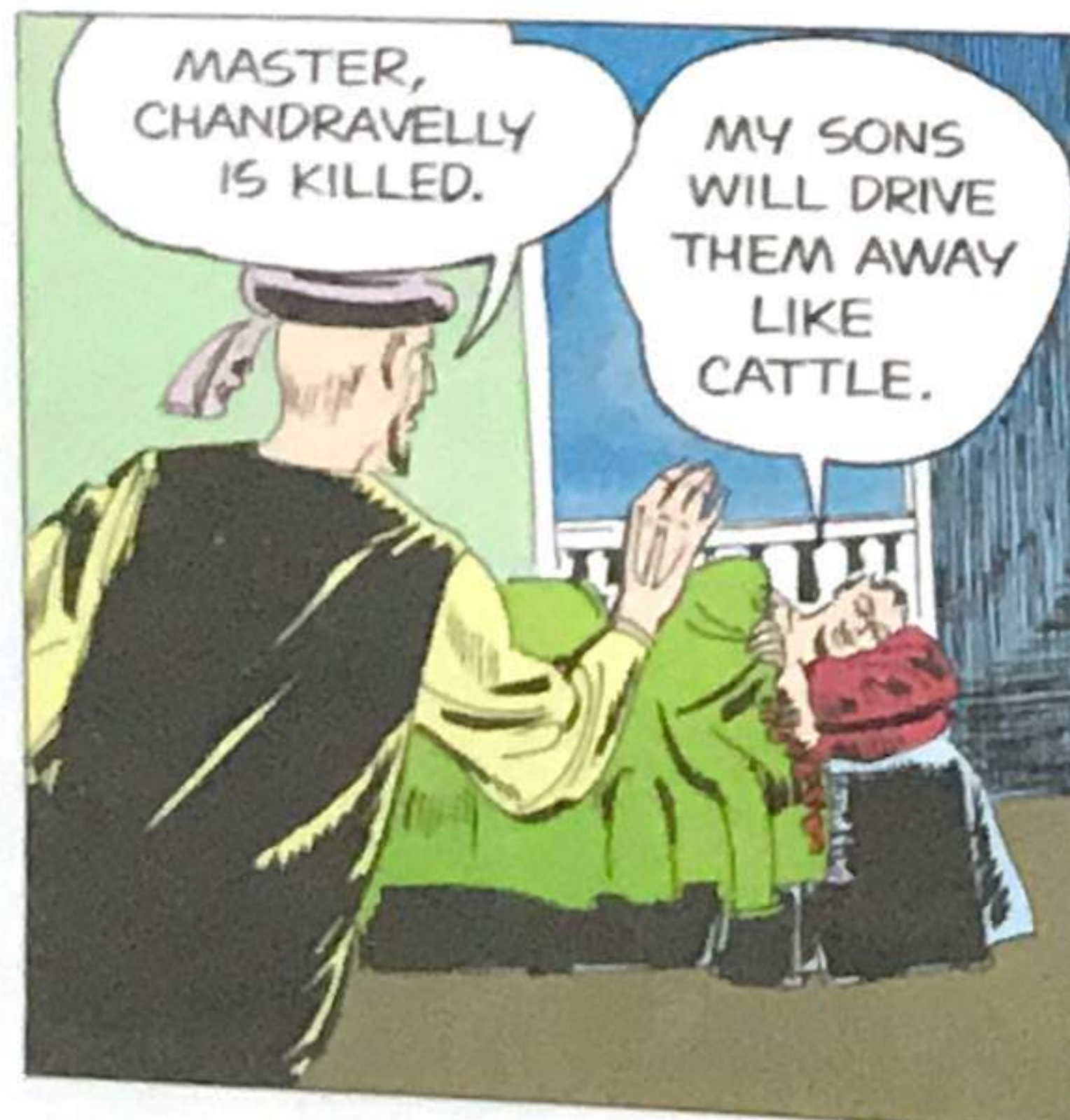
HAR HAR MAHADEO!

THUS THE MAVLAS ENTERED THE FORT AND ATTACKED THE UNWARY GUARDS.



UDAYABHANU TOO WAS ASLEEP.





UDAYABHANU KILLED TANAJI BUT HIMSELF, WEAKENED BY WOUNDS, FELL DOWN AND DIED.



MEANWHILE SURYAJI HAD OPENED THE KALYAN GATE AND HIS TROOPS POURED IN.



ALAS! OUR MASTER IS DEAD!

LET US RUN BACK.

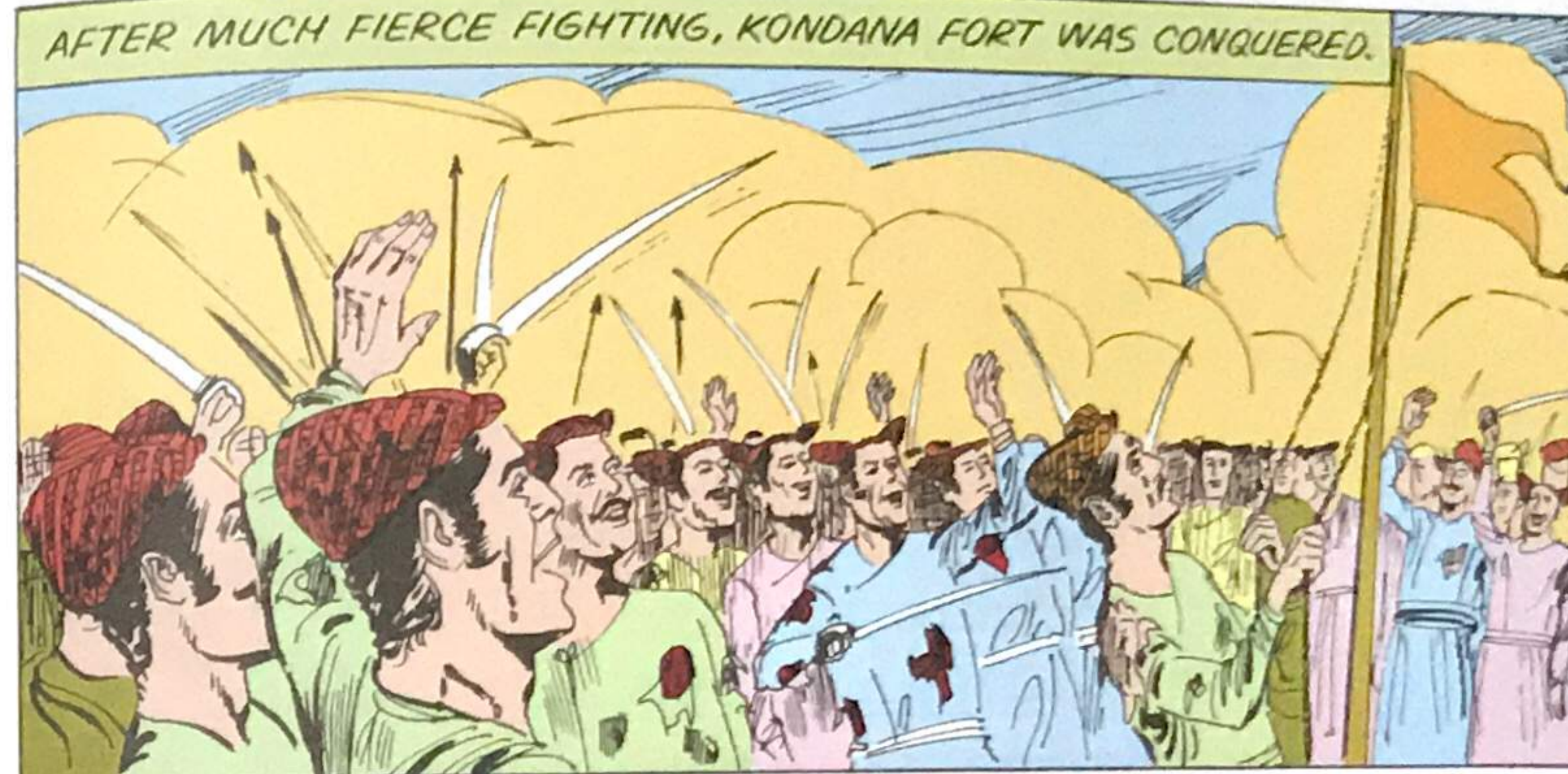


LOOK AT HIM. HE DIED FOR THE CAUSE. FIGHT ON WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.

HAR HAR MAHADEO!



AFTER MUCH FIERCE FIGHTING, KONDANA FORT WAS CONQUERED.



AT RAJGAD—

RAJE, WE HAVE WON.

SURYAJI, WHY ARE YOU SO SAD?

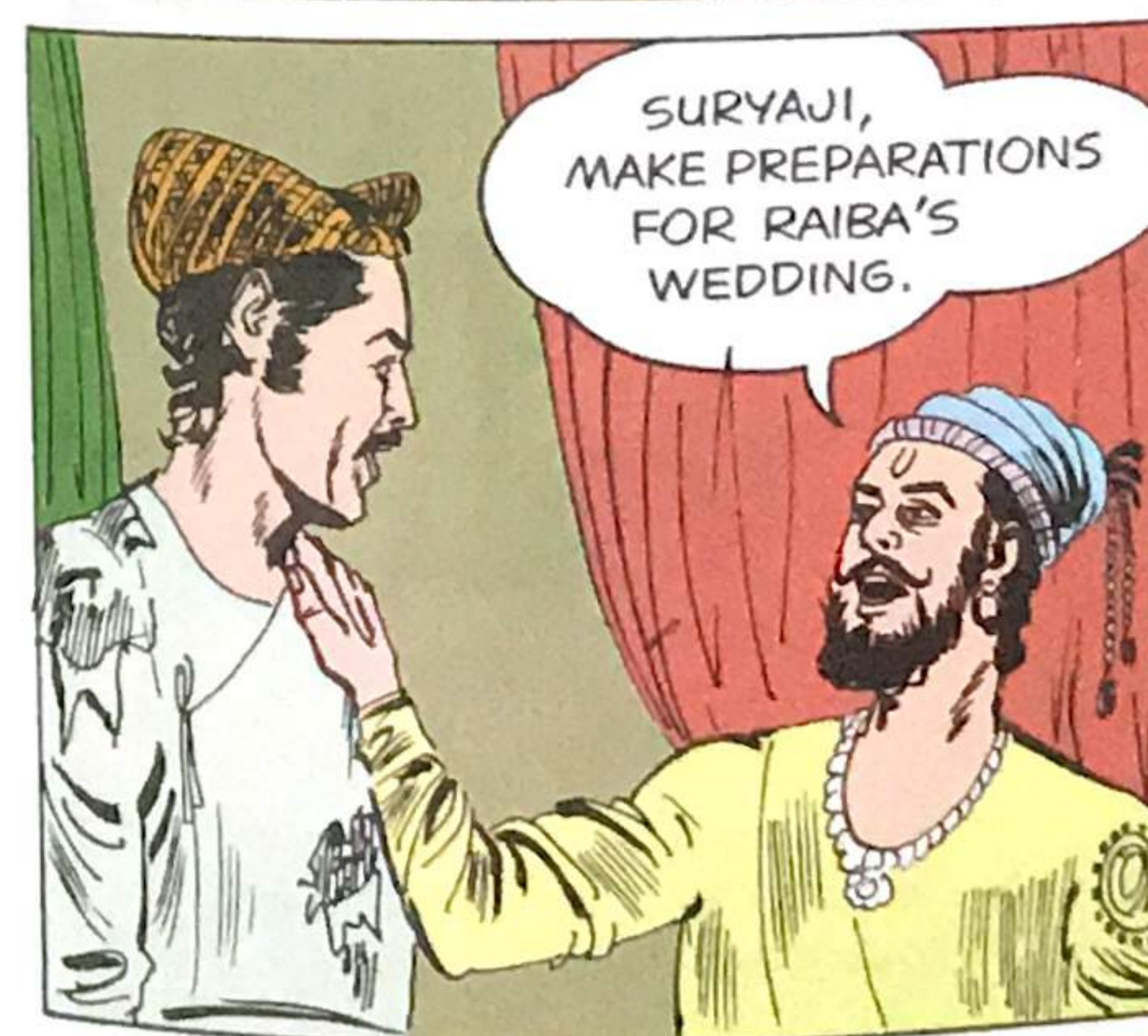


RAJE, TANAJI IS NO MORE WITH US.

I HAVE LOST MY RIGHT HAND!



SURYAJI, MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR RAIBA'S WEDDING.

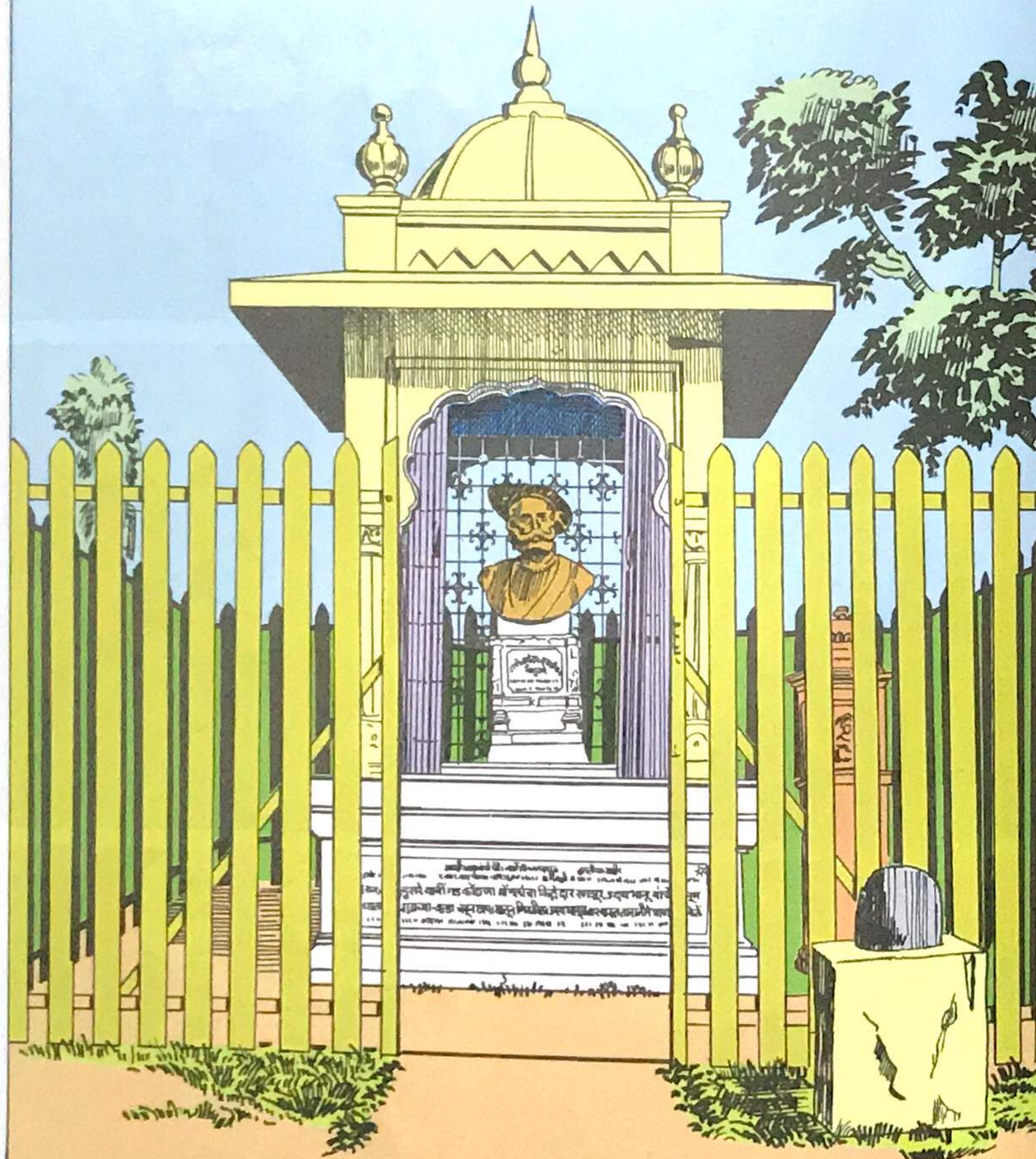


THE FORT IS WON BUT MY *SIMHA* IS DEAD.



*LION

THE "SIMHA" WAS DEAD BUT HIS MEMORY WAS KEPT ALIVE. KONDANA FORT RECEIVED A NEW NAME - SIMHAGAD.



AT SIMHAGAD SHIVAJI BUILT A MONUMENT ON THE SPOT WHERE TANAJI WAS KILLED AND TILL THIS DAY IT IS KNOWN AS 'VIRASANA'.

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